

SIUE track and field and cross country Assistant Coach Kayla Brown places 50th in Boston Marathon

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BOSTON – SIUE track and field and cross country Assistant Coach <u>Kayla Brown</u> placed 50th out of 13,391 overall female competitors in the Boston Marathon Monday.

Brown ran a time of 2 hours, 57 minutes and 20 seconds and was honored to run in such a prestigious event.

"The Boston Marathon is the marathon among marathons," said Brown. "You feel the energy and history each mile, and I feel honored to partake in the event. The moment you cross the finish line gives you a new appreciation for the art of the sport."

Brown ran for the Cougars cross country and track and field teams from 2007-10. She holds the SIUE school records in the indoor track and field 3K (9:59.16) and 5K (17: 06.16). Brown also holds the 5K (17:05.42) and 10K (35:42.55) outdoor records for the Cougars.

Brown graduated from SIUE in 2010 with a degree in community health and has been an assistant cross country and track and field coach for the Cougars since 2013.

<u>Claire Brown</u>, Kayla's younger sister, also ran in the marathon, finishing with a time of 3:13.47. Claire ran cross country and track and field at SIUE from 2011-14 and has the outdoor steeplechase school record (10:37.57).