

Frank Nelson – Detroit University 1905

As an athlete on the powerful University High squad, Nelson never won a state title. His senior year, his parents sent him to an East Coast prep school, the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. He continued his pole vaulting at Yale. In 1912 he was a last-minute replacement on Team USA for Paul Maxon, another former DUS athlete. In Stockholm he won the silver medal in the pole vault. He also played baseball in the Olympics (a demonstration sport)—but he played on the Swedish team.