



# Hall of Fame INDUCTEE

# 2022



## Nicole Hilton

*Class of*  
**2011**

Nicole Hilton was born and raised in South Fayette attending school from the Little Lions pre-school program through graduation, and was active in sports from a young age participating in soccer, softball, and basketball. In her junior year of high school, she joined the track team, excelling in long-distance running events. She was successful on the track and in cross country. In 2010, she was the first female athlete from South Fayette to qualify for the PIAA State Indoor Track Meet, placing 6th in the 3000-meter run. She was the WPIAL Champion in both the 1600- and 3200-meter races for the outdoor season that year. At the PIAA State Meet she placed second in the 3200-meter run and seventh in the 1600-meter run. Nicole went on to complete one season of cross country with the team where she was the WPIAL Champion and placed 5th at the PIAA State Meet. At the 2011 PIAA Indoor State Meet, she placed 5th in the 3000-meter run. In her senior outdoor track season, Nicole was again the WPIAL champion in both the 3200-meter and 1600-meter races, and took first in the 3200-meter run at the PIAA state meet and 8th in the 1600-meter run.

Nicole committed to The Ohio State University where she participated in cross country, indoor, and outdoor track from 2011-2015. She was a four-time Academic All Big Ten honoree and four-time Ohio State Scholar Athlete. She specialized primarily in the 3000-meter steeplechase and 5K races for outdoor track as well as the 3000- and 5000-meter run in indoor track. She competed in 11 Big Ten Conference Championship Meets from 2011-2015 and two NCAA Cross Country Championship Meets. Nicole competed in the 3000-meter steeple chase at the 2012 Outdoor Big Ten Championships where The Ohio State Women's Team took home the Big Ten Title, and she competed in the 2015 Indoor Big Ten Championship where the women's team again won the title.

Nicole graduated from OSU with a bachelor's in exercise science education in 2015. She then returned to South Fayette to begin work as a physical therapy aide. In 2018, she completed her studies to become a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant. Nicole is currently working at Ridgeview Physical Therapy and Wellness Center in Bridgeville, and she still resides in South Fayette. She has continued to run and was recently the 2022 Pittsburgh Marathon Female Winner.