FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 1, 2019

Contact: Paul Brubaker
973-518-2298

JOHN F. KENNEDY KNIGHTS ALL-COUNTY GIRLS TRACK CHAMPION SIGNS WITH VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

Benae Johnson, now an IHS graduate, heading to Richmond, Va. school

PATERNON – With her family beside her, the John F. Kennedy Knights’ track and field champion Benae Johnson signed a letter of intent to attend Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia.

Johnson just graduated from International High School (HIS) on Wednesday where she was an honor roll student and the senior class president. In track and field, Johnson was named to the All-Passaic County Girls Winter Track first team this year, as well as Passaic County’s 2018 outdoor triple jump champion, and the All-Passaic County Girls Track Team in 2017.

“A lot of work goes into getting into college as a student-athlete, and I applaud Benae’s focus and tenacity in making it happen,” said Paterson Schools Superintendent Eileen F. Shafer. “I’m sure Benae would agree that she didn’t get to this day alone. I want to thank her parents, her family, her teachers and coaches who worked with her to bring out her best performance, both in track and field and in the classroom.”

“Benae has been an outstanding competitor throughout her high school career, and I know she will be just as committed to excellence when she goes to Virginia Union,” said Joy Martinez, head coach of the Kennedy Girls Track Team. “I am very proud of Benae and look forward to all that she accomplishes in college.”

PHOTO IDs: (back row, from left) Kennedy Girls Outdoor Track and Field Head Coach David Dupiche, Kennedy Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field Head Coach Joy Martinez, JFK Athletic Supervisor Scott Durham, Tyron Cunningham (Johnson’s uncle), Kennedy Principal for Operations Michael Hill, (front row, from left) Bennett Johnson (Johnson’s father), Benae Johnson, Daphne Cunningham (Johnson’s mother), and Stephanie Cunningham (Johnson’s aunt).

###

Paul Brubaker
CommunicationsPIO
Paterson Public Schools
973-321-2430 (office)
973-518-2298 (cell)