

# First Lieutenant Jaci Smith

## TRACK & FIELD, MARATHON

<b>Hometown:</b>	Edmond, OK
<b>High School:</b>	Edmond North High School
<b>College:</b>	United States Air Force Academy
<b>Joined Air Force:</b>	June 2015
<b>AFSC:</b>	62E1B - Astronautical Engineer
<b>Event:</b>	10,000 meters, Marathon

Competing as part of WCAP following her graduation from the Air Force Academy, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jaci Smith qualified for the 2020 Olympic Trials in both the marathon and 10,000m races. Lt Smith placed 19th at the Olympic Marathon Trials in her debut appearance at this distance, running a USATF A-standard time of 2:36:34, and was the youngest competitor among the top 75 finishers. Lt Smith went on to finish 10th in the 10,000m race at the Olympic Track and Field Trials, following a track season which included a personal best performance of 32:10.31. Lt Smith also had a successful collegiate track & field career at the Air Force Academy. She was a 5-time NCAA Division I All-American in distance events ranging from 3,000m to 10,000m. She was named the 2019 All-Academy Outstanding Female Athlete. While managing a full workload as a Nuclear Surety Engineer at Kirtland AFB, she ran 90+ miles per week with the goal of qualifying for future Olympic and World Championship-level events. She finished 7<sup>th</sup> at the 2022 USATF Cross Country Championships, and was crowned the Armed Forces Cross Country Champion. In the 2022 track season, she has clocked her second-fastest 5,000m and 10,000m times, and has her sights set on lowering these times further upon her return to full-time training in WCAP.

***“Being a professional athlete is a dream come true, but doing so while representing the U.S. Air Force makes it something so much more. I’m proud to represent our Armed Forces while racing against the best in the world and grateful to Air Force WCAP for giving me the chance. I look forward to making the most of this opportunity. There is one outcome I’m certain of for my run to Paris 2024 - I’m going to finish knowing I did everything in my power to get there.”***

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2021 U.S. Track and Field Olympic Trials 10,000m – 10th place  
2020 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials – 19th place  
2022 Armed Forces Cross Country Championship – Champion  
2022 USATF Cross Country Championship – 7th place  
NCAA Division I All-American – Cross Country (2018)  
NCAA Division I First Team All-American – Indoor 5,000m (2019), 10,000m (2018)  
NCAA Division I Second-Team All-American – Indoor 3,000m (2019), Outdoor 5,000m (2019)

#### *Personal Bests:*

10,000m – 32:10.31  
5,000m – 15:28.15  
Marathon – 2:36:34  
Half Marathon – 1:10:42  
3,000m – 9:01.12