

# SrA Michael Mannozi

## Track & Field- Race Walk



**Hometown:** Youngstown, Ohio  
**High School:** Boardman High School  
**College:** Notre Dame College  
**Joined Air Force:** October 2019  
**AFSC:** 5R0X1, Religious Affairs  
**Event:** Race walk

SrA Michael Mannozi discovered the track & field event of race walking at the age of 21 while as a walk on at Notre Dame College. His aptitude was discovered by his throws coach Dave Bellar while throwing the Javelin. Following his first NAIA national championship appearance, he was invited to a USATF Talent ID Camp where he met many of the top USA Team coaches and athletes in the event. This was when he knew it was time to make the switch from wrestling and committed to race walking full time. He went from the first walk – on to go to Nationals, to the first male All- American and first Track and Field National Champion in Notre Dame’s 100 year history. He still holds seven school records and was the first track & field athlete inducted into their Hall of Fame. After earning his bachelor’s degree in 2011, he then set his sights on qualifying for the 2012 Olympic Trials. He went on to finish 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for the 20k and 50k Race walk, respectively. From 2012 to 2016, he amassed an astounding 17 USA Track & Field National Championships. His pinnacle prior to enlisting in the Air Force was finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2016 Olympic Trials where he earned the bronze medal. Spring 2017 into 2018 was spent recovering from an injury. Mannozi was the fastest race walker in the Province of Ontario during latter 2018 and into 2019 when he returned to the USA following his enlistment into the United States Air Force. His is a first to have earned top athlete honors while residing in two different nations (Ohio in 2012 and Ontario in 2017). His fastest Mile time is 6:19:4. He is a Champion of both the most prestigious Indoor meet, being the Millrose Games as well as the World’s most famous Relay meet, the Penn Relays.

***“I am grateful to see a dream that was over 5 years in the making come to fruition. I am eager to see what I can accomplish as a full time professional athlete for the Air Force.*”**

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2022: World Athletics World Race walking Team Championships. Finished 51<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> American in the men’s 35k, securing 8<sup>th</sup> globally for Team USA.  
 2022: 5<sup>th</sup> in USATF 35K Race Walk National Champs. Qualifying for World Race Walking Team Champs.  
 2021: USATF 20k Race Walk Olympic Trials 12<sup>th</sup> place.  
 2020: USATF 50k Race Walk Olympic Trials 6<sup>th</sup> place.  
 2020: USATF Skeleton Federation 2021 National Team Trials- 3rd place Overall-USA 3