

Andrew Runners Compete to Cure Cancer; Newton Finishes 4th, Women Take Home 3 Prizes.

Although they had the week off from NJCAA competition, The Andrew College Cross Country team decided to do their part in the fight to cure breast cancer.

This past Saturday, the men's and women's teams competed in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, in Macon, Georgia. The 5k event is part of a nationwide series of races, run to raise money for the fight against breast cancer

Freshman Steven Newton finished 4th overall in the field of 426 runners, in a personal best time of 17:21 for the 5k course.

Freshman Melissa Gonzales took 3rd place in the women's 20-24 age group in a time of 23:03. Teammates Melanie Gonzales (24:26) and Iris Rivera (27:04) finished 1st and 3rd, respectively, in the women's 15-19 age group.

Asked afterward about his race, Newton said, *"Naturally I am very pleased with my time. Coach and I have been working all year towards peaking at regionals, and this race shows that I am exactly where I want to be. However, it is even more satisfying that I was able to do my small part to help find a cure for this terrible disease. I would gladly trade my PR for a cure for breast cancer any day."*

Iris Rivera didn't expect to win an award. *"When they called my name I was a little surprised. I knew I ran close to my best 5k time, but there were a lot of talented women in the field. More importantly though, I was glad to compete and show my support for the fight against breast cancer."*

Coach Gomez summed up the general feelings of the race for his team: *"These young men and women should be commended for doing their small part in the fight against breast cancer. With regionals coming next week, they had the choice of taking this weekend off, and each one of them insisted on running today. A day like this really shows the character of this team. I couldn't be more proud of them than I am today."*

Complete list of Andrew College finishers:

Name	place	time
Steven Newton	4 th	17:21
Raymond Menefee	7 th	18:22
Cary Hughes	21 st	20:43
Terence Banks	34 th	21:33
Abshul Ellis	36 th	21:44
Melissa Gonzales	65 th	23:03
Melanie Gonzales	90 th	24:26
Iris Rivera	155 th	27:04