

Naperville's Dan Curran Wins Cantigny 5K

WHEATON, IL, November 9, 2009 — Averaging a blazing 5 minutes and 20 seconds per mile, Dan Curran won the Cantigny 5K on Saturday with a time of 16:32.05. The 24-year-old from Naperville was among 800 runners and walkers at Cantigny Park for the 6th annual event.

Second place overall went to another Naperville resident, Ryan Larson, age 31. Third place was captured by Wheaton's Trevor Holzman, age 16.

The top female runner was Larissa Greenfield, age 35, from Mundelein. Her time was 21:25.45. Second and third, respectively, went to Paige Becker (13, Naperville) and Liz Pike (22, Bloomingdale).

Jack James, age 8 from Wheaton, was tops among 49 entrants in the one-mile Youth Run with a time of 6:16. His 5-year-old sister, Kylie, won the tot division.

This year's 5K had a celebrity component, too. Julio Gomez, a contestant on this season's *The Biggest Loser* on NBC, completed the race in 34:27. The 40-year-old from Algonquin once weighed more than 400 pounds. He was cheered on by Jerry Hayes, the Wheaton senior who won \$100,000 on *Biggest Loser* last spring.

Another nice story was Steve Orshonsky, who took first place in the Male 50-54 bracket with a time of 20:39. The Orland Park resident was wearing the Army "dog tag" of his grandfather, Samuel J. Korpas, a World War I veteran who fought at the Battle of Cantigny in France in 1918. Orshonsky said he wears the tag every day for inspiration. He and his family toured the First Division Museum at Cantigny after the 5K.

The Cantigny 5K Run/Walk is held annually in association with Veterans Day (Nov.11). Net proceeds from the race benefit the [Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans](#) in Wheaton. A check will be presented to the shelter this Wednesday evening as part of Cantigny's Veterans Day commemoration. The evening will include a luminary display on the Cantigny Parade Field with more than 2,000 lights, a tribute to those who have died in combat while serving our country.

Next year's Cantigny 5K Run/Walk will take place November 6, 2010. Online registration begins April 2 at [SignMeUp.com](#).

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The McCormick Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. Through its grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, museums and civic outreach program the Foundation helps build a more active and engaged citizenry. It was established as a

charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest charities, with more than \$1 billion in assets. For more information, please visit [McCormick Foundation.org](http://McCormickFoundation.org).

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