

# Gold for Mexico! Paola Morán takes podium at World University Games



In a photo finish, **Mexican sprinter Paola Morán** won the gold medal in the women's **400 meters** at the **World University Games**.

**Morán** won in a time of **51.52 seconds** at this event, which was held at the San Paolo Stadium athletics facilities in Naples, Italy.

The race was run at 12:15 p.m. Mexican time. **Paola** beat **Ugandan Leni Shida's** time of 51.64 by just 12 milliseconds. **French athlete Armandine Brossier**, with a time of 51.77 seconds, came third.

Paola, a **Tec de Monterrey** student, qualified for the final by winning her heat in a time of 51.77, and today she repeated the feat to take gold.

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**Jorge Lozano**, the Tec's Western Region Athletic and Sports Director, spotlighted the young athlete's achievement.

*"We are so proud of Paola in Guadalajara and in the entire Tec community for this wonderful achievement!"*

*“She’s a **very committed individual with clear objectives, who gives 100% in everything she does.** She is also an excellent student with an average grade of over 90,” he said.*

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**The young 22-year-old Guadalajara native** went to this international competition with her **place at the next Olympic Games assured** by recording 51.32 seconds in the **2019 National Open Athletics Championships**.

**Additionally**, when she achieved this time, **Paola rose to 14th place in the world rankings for this event**.

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With this victory under her belt, the Tec student can now focus all her attention on the **2019 Panamerican Games in Lima, Peru**; the **2019 World Championships in Doha, Qatar**; and the **2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan**.

Paola is a student of **Nutrition and Integral Wellbeing on the Guadalajara campus** and its one of the **26 Tec sportsmen and women** to form part of the Mexican team that traveled to compete in the **thirtieth World University Games**.

Tomorrow, July 11, Mexican athlete and Tec student **Fernando Arodio** will be looking for another medal for Mexico in the final of the 400-meters hurdles.

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