

## Missouri School for the Blind Alum David Brown Wins Gold in 2016 Paralympics

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David Brown, alumni of Missouri School for the Blind (MSB), in St. Louis, won the gold medal in men's T11 100m. You can watch the video [here](#).

Brown, valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class of MSB, will compete this week in the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was born in Kansas City and moved to St. Louis as a child to attend school at MSB.



Brown running with guide Jerome Avery. Photo by Joe Kusumoto.

Brown is competing in the rare combination of 100m, 200m and 400m races. Brown became the first totally blind athlete to run 100m in fewer than 11 seconds when he clocked 10.92 in 2014 and is regarded as the fastest totally blind athlete in the world.

This will be Brown's second Paralympic experience as he was also a member the 2012 Team USA. Additionally, Brown won a gold medal in the 100m race at the 2015 World Championships and silver medals in the 400m and 4x100 relay at the 2013 World Championships.

While at MSB, Brown was an honor roll student and participated in many clubs and athletics. He travelled the country competing in track and field and was a member of the USABA (US Association of Blind Athletes) and IBSA (International Blind Sports Association), where he ran for the IBSA Youth Teams. He graduated as valedictorian of his class at MSB in 2011. He's now living at the Chula Vista Olympic Training Center in San Diego, California.

**About MSB:** Missouri School for the Blind offers educational and outreach services for legally blind Missouri children from birth through age 21 and their families. MSB is operated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the State of Missouri and its services are free of charge. MSB's services are concentrated in two areas – its centerbase kindergarten-grade 12 school in St. Louis, Missouri, and its Outreach services offered throughout the state.