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Leading the pack in the Marcum Workplace Challenge

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David Kilgore of the Runner's Edge team beat the heat and more than 8,500 competitors from 200 corporate teams in last week's Marcum Workplace Challenge. Kilgore crossed the finished line in 17 minutes, 44 seconds in the 3.5-mile race at Jones Beach State Park on July 30.

Two runners tied for the women's title: Marissa Cossaro and Sara Rosenzweig, both of event marketing company Elitefeats, crossed the finish line at 21 minutes, 49 seconds.

Taryn Maudsley, who works for technology company Ergonomic Group, was the first wheelchair athlete to come across, in 1 hour, 4 minutes, 55 seconds.

The first male wheelchair athlete to finish was Ken Kunken, who works for the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. His time was 1:12:42.

The event also recognizes winners in the Top Dog category, which includes the highest-level executive competing from each employer. Brendan Dagan of Elitefeats won the male Top Dog title,

with a time of 20:34, while Elena Taphouse of Catholic Health Services was the female Top Dog winner, with a time of 26:15.

The event, which drew about 12,000 people, is managed by the Greater Long Island Running Club, with accounting firm Marcum serving as the title sponsor since 2006. Prior to the 2019 event, the Marcum Workplace Challenge has raised more than \$930,000 for four charities: Children's Medical Fund of New York, Long Island Cares-The Harry Chapin Food Bank, Long Island Children's Museum and Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The final fundraising tally from this year's event will not be known until the fall.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone competed as a member of the Marcum team and finished with a time of 33:05.

The race was held during last week's heat wave, but organizers were prepared with five water stations throughout the course, ice bags as well as water and other refreshments at the finish line for all finishers, and plenty of medical personnel on hand.