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**HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DELAWARE BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 22, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Edwin Rosembert of Howard High School of Technology as its 2016-17 Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Rosembert is the third Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Howard High School of Technology.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Rosembert as Delaware's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Rosembert joins an elite alumni association of state track & field award-winners, including Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa), Allyson Felix (2002-03, Los Angeles Baptist High School, Calif.), Robert Griffin III (2006-07, Copperas Cove High School, Texas), Grant Fisher (2013-14 & 2014-15, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.) and Candace Hill (2014-15, Rockdale County High School, Ga.).

The 5-foot-8, 153-pound senior won three individual championships and anchored the winning 4x400-meter relay at the Division 2 state meet this past season, leading the Wildcats to second place as a team. Rosembert won the 100-meter dash in 10.84 seconds, the 200-meter dash in a state-record 21.36 and the 400-meter dash in 49.46. He also captured the 200 at the state Meet of Champions in 21.48.

A member of the National Honor Society, Rosembert has volunteered on behalf of a local hospital. "Eddie not only has tremendous talent, but also a mental quality that sets him apart," said Howard High School of Technology coach Nick Palka. "His focus is clearly at a higher level than most, and he is able to set his mind on a goal and just go after it."

Rosembert has maintained a 3.47 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Delaware State University this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Rosembert joins recent Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Kevin Murray (2015-16, Charter School of Wilmington), Kieran Tuntivate (2014-15, Charter School of Wilmington), Zach Schmelz (2013-14, St. Mark's High School), Lamar Bruton (2012-13, Howard High School of Technology), Sam Parsons (2011-12, The Tatnall School), Tyler Tate (2010-11, The Tatnall School), Ryan Lee (2009-10, Archmere Academy), Bobby Kennedy Jr. (2008-09, Caravel Academy), Isaiah Brisco (2007-08, Cape Henlopen High School), and Brian Sklodowski (2006-07, The Tatnall School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Edwin will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy.