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**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VERMONT 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 Tyler Marshall of Champlain Valley Union High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Marshall is the first Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Champlain Valley Union High School.

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 Marshall as Vermont'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, Marshall 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 state's returning Gatorade Track & Field Athlete of the Year, the 6-foot-1, 155-pound senior swept the 800-meter run, the 1,500 and the 3,000 for a second straight year at the Division I state meet this past season, leading the Redhawks to a fourth-place finish as a team. Marshall set state records in the 1,500, 1,600 and 3,000 this spring with his 1,500 (3:56.18) and 3,000 clocking (8:36.89) each ranking in the national top 20 among prep competitors in 2017 at the time of his selection.

Marshall has volunteered on behalf of multiple road races and as a youth track coach. "Tyler had an exceptional track and field season," said Tim Noonan, head coach of Montpelier High. "I have watched him make consistent and substantial improvement during his four years at CVU, a tribute to his commitment, ability and durability."

Marshall has maintained a 3.40 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Vermont beginning 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.

Two-time winner Marshall joins Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Alec Eschholz (2014-15, 2013-14 & 2012-13, Mount Mansfield Union High School), Jacob Ellis (2011-12, Brattleboro Union High School), Mike DiMambro (2010-11 2009-10, Essex High School), Adron Pitmon (2008-09, Mt. Mansfield Union High School), Ken Bunnell (2007-08, St. Johnsbury Academy), and Bryant Williams (2006-07, Essex High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Tyler 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.