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**BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MONTANA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 21, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Camila Noe of Bozeman High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Montana Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Noe is the first Gatorade Montana Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Bozeman 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 Noe as Montana's best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Noe 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 2017-18 Gatorade Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year, the 5-foot-7 senior finished second in the 2-mile at the Brooks PR Invitational and her clocking of 9:54.95 was the nation's fastest among girls prep competitors in 2018. At the Montana State AA-C Championships, Noe broke the tape in the 3200-meter run (10:32.29) and took second in the 1600-meter run (4:53.93) to pace the Hawks to a second-place finish in Class AA. At the Arcadia Invitational, Noe earned fifth place in the 3200 with a personal-best 10:18.99, which ranked No. 24 in the nation this spring at the time of her selection.

Noe has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and she has donated her time on behalf of multiple community road races. "Camila Noe worked extremely hard to get to where she is," said Anders Booker, head coach at Hellgate High. "We've never had a girl go under 10 minutes for the 2-mile. For her to do that, it's an all-time Montana performance."

Noe has maintained an unweighted 3.52 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Portland 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.

Noe joins recent Gatorade Montana Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Annie Hill (2016-17, Glacier High School), Christina Aragon (2015-16, Billings Senior High School), Christina Aragon (2014-15, Billings Senior High School), Erika McLeod (2013-14, Butte High School), Morgan Sulser (2012-13, Billings Senior High School), Danielle Aragon (2011-12 & 2010-11, Billings Senior High School), Kellee Glaus (2009-10, Whitehall), Alexa Aragon (2008-09, Billings Senior), Melissa Jenkins (2007-08, Big Sky), and Marissa Tschida (2006-07, Loyola Sacred Heart) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Noe 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](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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