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**SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE OREGON 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 Shelby Moran of Sherwood High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Oregon Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Moran is the first Gatorade Oregon Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Sherwood 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 Moran as Oregon'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, Moran 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-9 senior won both the discus and the shot put at the Class 6A state meet this past season, launching the former 165 feet, six inches and hurling the shot 42-11. Moran also set a state record with her career-best discus throw of 179-7.5, which ranked as the nation's No. 1 performance among prep competitors in 2018.

Moran has volunteered locally on behalf of the Sherwood Sparrow Club and a variety of youth sports programs. "Shelby has been the most dominant female throwing athlete in the state for most of her high school career," said Sherwood coach Terrel Smith. "Not only is she at the top in regards to performance, but she is also a leader on the team and in the community."

Moran has maintained a 3.18 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Arizona 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.

Moran joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Deshae Wise (2016-17, Grants Pass High School), Ella Donaghu (2015-16 & 2013-14, Grant High School), Maddie Rabing (2014-15, Lakeridge High School), Haley Crouser (2012-13, 2011-12 & 2010-11, Gresham High School), Kellie Schueler (2009-10, 2008-09 & 2007-08, Summit), and Chrissi Grizzel (2006-07, Jefferson) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Moran 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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