

## **EXETER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 24, 2019) — In its 34<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Jacob Winslow of Exeter High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year**. Winslow is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Exeter 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 Winslow as New Hampshire'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, Winslow 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 6-foot, 135-pound senior swept the 1600-meter run (4:14.82) and the 3200 (9:19.60) at the state Meet of Champions this past season. Winslow also broke the tape in the 800, 1600 and 3200 at the Division 1 state meet, leading the Blue Hawks to a state championship as a team. He took fourth in the two-mile at this month's New Balance Nationals Outdoor, earning All-American status.

A devoted member of the Boy Scouts of America, Winslow has volunteered locally on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "Jake is a very talented runner, but what sets him apart from other talented runners is his work ethic, toughness and dedication," said Exeter coach Nate Leveille. "He's unquestionably the best track runner, male or female, to come through Exeter high school."

Winslow has maintained a 3.64 GPA in the classroom. He will attend Dartmouth College this fall, where he will compete in cross country and track and field.

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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Winslow joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Billy Powers (2017-18 & 2016-17, Winnacunnet High School), Sebastian Eaton (2015-16, Souhegan High School), Eli Moskowitz (2014-15, Souhegan High School) and John Cioffredi (2013-14, Lebanon High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Winslow also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [www.Gatorade.com/POY](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).