

**FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ARKANSAS BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 29, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Isaiah Sategna of Fayetteville High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Arkansas Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Sategna is the second Gatorade Arkansas Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Fayetteville 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 field, distinguishes Sategna as Arkansas'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 July, Sategna joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, 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-11, 170-pound sophomore set state records in both the 60-meter dash and the 60-meter high hurdles at the Class 6A indoor state meet this past winter. Sategna won five individual titles at the February meet, also including the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter dash and the long jump. His time of 7.88 seconds in the 60 hurdles ranked as the nation's No. 5 time in the country among prep competitors this winter and he was ranked in the Top 100 nationally in five other events. He also captured three firsts and three runner-up individual finishes at the 2019 Class 6A Outdoor state meet.

Sategna has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and as a youth track coach. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. "Isaiah has become a very special athlete for our team with his abilities in many events," said Drew Yoakum, head coach of Fayetteville High. "He has become the ultimate competitor with his skills that include both running and jumping. His performance and work ethic push his teammates to become better."

Sategna has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will begin his junior year of high school 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.

Sategna joins recent Gatorade Arkansas Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Haze Farmer (2018-19, Lake Hamilton High School), Camren Fischer (2017-18, Fayetteville High School), Jake Benninghoff (2016-17, Rogers High School), Zach Jewell (2015-16, Mena High School), Henri Murphy (2014-15, Dollarway High School), and Brandon Workman (2013-14, Rogers High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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