

**SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII 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 Trenton Wailehua of Saint Louis School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Wailehua is the first Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Saint Louis 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 Wailehua as Hawaii'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, Wailehua 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.).

In his only meet of the abbreviated 2020 outdoor season, the 5-foot-10, 165-pound senior broke the state record in the 400-meter run this spring with a time of 47.96 seconds, which ranked as the nation's No. 9 performance among prep competitors in 2020. Wailehua took second in the 400 at both the 2018 and 2019 state meets, and won the state championship in the event as a freshman.

Wailehua has volunteered locally on behalf of a veterans' home, beach clean-up initiatives, the American Red Cross and youth track programs. "Trenton possesses the natural ability to grind through any obstacle that comes his way," said St. Louis coach Alexander Fonseca. "He's respectful, a great team guy and an overall leader. He is a terrific example for younger athletes that hard work pays off."

Wailehua has maintained a 3.16 GPA in the classroom. He will attend the University of Oregon, where he will compete in 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. 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.

Wailehua joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Tanner Moku (2018-19, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Rey Cadiz (2017-18, Baldwin High School), Christian Padron (2016-17, Damien Memorial School), Anthony Kahooanohano-Davis (2015-16, Baldwin High School), Kayson Smith-Bejgrowicz (2014-15, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), and Dylan Kane (2013-14, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama 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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