

**LEWIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE IOWA 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 Logan Jones of Lewis Central High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Iowa Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Jones is the first Gatorade Iowa Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Lewis Central 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 Jones as Iowa'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, Jones 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 6-foot-3, 265-pound senior won the discus throw and the shot put at the 2019 Class 4A Outdoor state meet. Jones' winning discus throw of 185 feet, 10 inches and his 60-2 put of the shot both ranked in the Top 60 nationally among prep competitors during the 2019 outdoor season. The Daily Nonpareil's 2019 City Football Player of the Year for the Titans, Jones was a 2020 U.S. Army All-American defensive end and a three-time All-State football player.

Jones helped build Dream Playground, the largest ADA accessible playground in Iowa and has volunteered locally as a youth track and football coach. "Logan is one of the most successful athletes I have ever coached," said Matt Argotsinger, head coach of Lewis Central High. "He had a chance to set the Class 4A state meet record this year in both the shot and the disc."

Jones has maintained a weighted 3.14 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play football on an athletic scholarship at the University of Iowa.

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.

Jones joins recent Gatorade Iowa Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Joven Nelson (2018-19, Nevada High School), Nick Phelps (2017-18, Kingsley-Pierson/Woodbury Central), Tristan Wirfs (2016-17, Mount Vernon High School), Ryan Schweizer (2015-16, Dowling Catholic High School), Thomas Pollard (2014-15, Gilbert High School), and Josh Evans (2012-2013 & 2013-14, Linn-Mar 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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