

**ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEW MEXICO BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 29, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Teagun Glenn of Albuquerque Academy as its 2019-20 Gatorade New Mexico Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Glenn is the sixth Gatorade New Mexico Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Albuquerque Academy.

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 Glenn as New Mexico'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, Glenn 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, 230-pound senior took second in the shot put at the 2020 Great Southwest Classic Indoor Invitational, launching a personal-best throw of 55-feet-5.25-inches, which ranked as the nation's No. 85 performance among prep indoor competitors this year. At the 2019 NMAA Outdoor State Championships, Glenn won the Class 5A title in the javelin, took second in the shot put and finished 4th in the discus. A 16-time USATF All-American and a member of the MileSplitNM.com All-Decade Team in the javelin, his personal-best javelin throw of 197-1 in 2019 ranked as the nation's No. 35 performance among prep competitors last year. He graduates as the owner of two state meet titles along with three silver medals and two bronze.

An All-State guitarist and a nine-time varsity letterman in football, wrestling and track, Glenn has volunteered locally by performing groundskeeping and maintenance at both the Albuquerque Academy campus and Barrett House, a social services organization. He has also donated his time to the Road Runner Food Bank and the Watermelon Mountain Ranch Animal Shelter, in addition to serving as a tutor for elementary school students. "Teagun Glenn is highly capable in the javelin and very good in the shot put as well," said Erik Boal, a DyeStat editor. "He's also won a USATF National Junior Olympic title in the javelin (2017) and has stood on the medals podium seven times in state meet competition throughout his career."

Glenn has maintained a weighted GPA of 3.79 in the classroom. He began Basic Cadet Training on June 24 and will compete in track and field at the United States Air Force Academy.

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.

Glenn joins recent Gatorade New Mexico Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Jonah Vigil (2018-19, Taos High School), Jericho Cleveland (2017-18, Volcano Vista High School), Jackson Morris (2016-17 & 2014-15, Albuquerque Academy), Alejandro Goldston (2015-16, Volcano Vista High School) and Mike Budick (2013-14, Volcano Vista 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](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).