

**UPPER DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 Jaden Price-Whitehead of Upper Dublin High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Price-Whitehead is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Upper Dublin 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 Price-Whitehead as Pennsylvania'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, Price-Whitehead 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-9, 140-pound junior soared 24 feet, 3.25 inches to win the long jump at the indoor state championship meet this past winter. Price-Whitehead also took third in the triple jump. His season-best long jump of 25-0 ranked as the nation's No. 1 performance among prep competitors in the 2020 indoor campaign. Price-Whitehead also won the long jump in the Emerging Elite division of the New Balance Nationals Outdoor in 2019.

A devoted member of his church community and the Black Student Union, Price-Whitehead has distributed food baskets for underprivileged families during the holidays and has volunteered locally on behalf of a youth track team. "What Jaden lacks in size, he makes up for with his heart, drive and desire to compete and be the best," said Upper Dublin High School coach Floyd Dinkins. "His work ethic is second to none, and he puts in the time to perfect his skills to be the best when it matters the most. The sky's the limit for Jaden and I can't wait to see how far he goes."

Price-Whitehead has maintained 3.67 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior 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.

Price-Whitehead joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Brock Grundy (2018-19, Hickory High School), Ayden Owens (2017-18, North Allegheny Senior High School), Jordan Geist (2016-17 & 2015-16, Knoch High School), John Lewis (2014-15, Cheltenham High School), and Max Adams (2013-14, Hempfield Area Senior 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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