

HILL-MCCLOY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MICHIGAN GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 25, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Addyson Stiverson of Hill-McCloy High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Michigan Girls Track and Field Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Stiverson as Michigan’s best high school girls track and field athlete and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Sanya Richards (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Florida), Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (2015-16 & 2016-17, Union Catholic Regional High School, New Jersey) and Jane Hedengren (2024-25, Timpview High School, Utah).

The 5-foot-9 junior thrower took third in the shot put at the Nike Outdoor Nationals earlier this month, rocketing the apparatus 49 feet, 1.5 inches to earn All-American honors. Stiverson also swept the shot put and discus events at the Division 3 state meet this past season, leading the Rams to 10th place as a team. At a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference meet in April, she launched a personal-best shot put effort of 55-7.5, which ranked No. 1 in the nation among prep girls competitors in 2026 and No. 4 in prep history. Her personal-best discus throw at the Norb Badar Classic ranked No. 30 nationally this spring.

Stiverson has volunteered locally as part of food drives to support the underprivileged. She has also donated her time as a coach and mentor for youth track athletes in addition to designing and implementing strength and speed-training programs for a variety of girls teams at her school. “Only a junior, Addyson Stiverson reached rare air in the shot put this spring, joining the ranks of the all-time prep greats,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. “Given her commitment and work ethic, she’s a threat to graduate among the top three preps in history in that event and even the national record isn’t out of reach. She’s also a terrific discus talent.”

Stiverson has maintained a weighted 3.69 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the winners in each sport.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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