

BAY SHORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW YORK 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 Maggie McCormick of Bay Shore High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade New York 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 McCormick as New York’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-5 senior distance talent won the 2-mile run at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor this past season. McCormick’s winning time of 9:50.81 set a state record and ranked No. 5 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring. She also took third in the mile at NBNO in 4:37.17, which ranked No. 9 nationally. McCormick broke the tape in the 1500-meter run at the Class A state meet, clocking a 4:17.87, which ranked No. 2 nationally. Her season-best time of 9:27.36 in the 3000-meter run at the Section XI County A Championships ranked No. 6 nationally.

A member of Students Against Destructive Decisions, McCormick was the editor of the Bay Shore yearbook as a senior. She has volunteered locally as a peer math tutor and as a mentor to middle school athletes. “Maggie has created a standard that the entire program aspires to,” said Shayne Lewis, head coach of Bay Shore High School. “Her constant dedication and focus is something that the younger classes routinely discuss as the means to improve. Maggie has a tenacity that’s unmatched as a high school athlete.”

McCormick has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at the University of Florida 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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