

HILLIARD DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OHIO 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 Anna Wile of Hilliard Davidson High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Ohio 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 Wile as Ohio’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 hurdler set state records in the 100-meter high hurdles and the 300 intermediate hurdles at the Division 1 state meet this past season, leading the Wildcats to a second-place finish as a team. Wile’s winning times of 13.24 seconds in the 100 hurdles and 40.70 in the 300 hurdles both ranked No. 5 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring. Earlier this month, she also earned All-American honors with a fourth-place finish in the 100 hurdles at New Balance Nationals Outdoor.

Wile has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach. “Anna is one of the best athletes I’ve coached against in [35 years],” said Greg King, head coach of Dublin Coffman High School. “On top of her obvious physical talent, she’s a remarkably fierce competitor.”

Wile has maintained a weighted 4.42 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at Indiana University 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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