

GLENPOOL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 Saniya Craven of Glenpool High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Oklahoma 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 Craven as Oklahoma’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-7 senior sprinter broke the state records in both the 100- and 200 meter dash during the regular season and added three titles at the Class 5A state meet, leading the Warriors to fourth place as a team. Craven broke a state 200 dash record that had stood for 17 years by clocking a time of 23.57 seconds at the Owasso Regional, which ranked No. 49 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring. She also broke an eight-year-old record in the 100 at the same meet with a time of 11.48, which ranked No. 28 nationally.

Craven has volunteered locally by visiting with and tending to the needs of the elderly in community nursing homes. She has also donated her time as a youth track coach. “Craven added to her championship haul by concluding her prep career with 16 state medals, but it was the pair of state records that truly stamped her excellence into the history books,” said Rich Gonzalez, PrepCalTrack editor. “Unbeaten in all her individual events as a senior, she’s picking up steam heading into college.”

Craven has maintained a 3.80 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at Florida State 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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