

## **LANDER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WYOMING GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 25, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Adelyn Anderson of Lander Valley High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Wyoming 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 Anderson as Wyoming'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-10 senior thrower took seventh in the discus event at the USATF Under-20 Championships earlier this month, launching the apparatus 153 feet, 9 inches. Anderson also managed Top 15 finishes in both the discus and the shot at the Nike Outdoor Nationals this spring. At the Class 3A state meet, she won the shot put event with a throw of 47-0.5 as the Tigers went on to win the team title. A four-time All-State selection and the state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year in track and field, her personal-best efforts of 168-11 in the discus and 50-8.5 in the shot, respectively, ranked No. 6 and No. 7 nationally among prep girls competitors in 2026. She concluded her prep career as the state all-class record-holder in the shot put.

Anderson has volunteered locally as part of multiple fundraisers to benefit her community and has donated her time working in the concessions stand at school athletic events in addition to coaching youth athletes. She has also served her church community as part of its confirmation and Sunday school programs. She spends much of her free time working a part-time job at a rental company in her area. "Adelyn Anderson tacked on huge distances to her PRs in the discus and shot put to finish in the Top 10 among prep girls competitors in both events this spring," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "Her seventh-place finish at the USATF Under-20 Championships is impressive, but flirting with 169 in the discus and going north of 50-8 in the shot is pretty epic."

Anderson has maintained a weighted 4.39 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at the University of Wisconsin 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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