

**MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE HAWAII BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 26, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced James Millare of Moanalua High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Hawaii Boys 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 Millare as Hawaii’s best high school boys track and field athlete and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Virginia), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Tate Taylor (2024-25, Harlan High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-7, 135-pound senior distance specialist broke two state records and won three state titles in leading the Na Menehunes to the team championship this past season. A two-time Gatorade Player of the Year honoree in cross country, Millare broke his own state record in the 800 at Nike Outdoor Nationals in Oregon with a time of 1:52.16 to finish 12th. At the Arcadia Invitational in California, he set a new state record in the mile with a fifth-place time of 4:10.97.

Millare has volunteered locally as a middle school track meet marshal and has donated his time on behalf of multiple community service initiatives through his church. “Millare deserves high marks for going the extra few thousand miles to search out top competition in fueling his improvement,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor at PrepCalTrack.com. “Leaving the island multiple times to compete on the mainland at major meets was undoubtedly a key to his success.”

Millare has maintained a 3.54 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at George Mason University (Va.).

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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