

**METAIRIE PARK COUNTRY DAY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE LOUISIANA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 26, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Isaac Herzenberg of Metairie Park Country Day is the 2025-26 Gatorade Louisiana 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 Herzenberg as Louisiana’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 6-foot, 175-pound senior thrower swept the javelin and discus events at the LHSAA Class 2A state meet this past season. At the Summer Sizzle Throws Meet, Herzenberg launched the jav 229 feet, 0 inches, which ranked No. 1 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring and No. 16 in prep history. He is a four-time state champion in the javelin and was also an All-State selection in boys soccer.

Herzenberg has volunteered locally on behalf of the Saint Bernard Project, a New Orleans-based disaster recovery nonprofit. He has also donated his time to the Special Olympics through Jefferson Parish Schools and as co-chair of the annual Barkus Parade, which fundraises to support animal welfare. “Isaac Herzenberg darted the javelin into rarefied air in his final meet on state soil with a spectacular launch that tacked nearly 10 feet onto his prior career best,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. “The effort not only moved him atop the national list this spring, but he also joined the elite company of the Top 20 throwers in U.S. prep history.”

Herzenberg has maintained a 4.15 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at the University of Nebraska 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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