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**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE NEVADA BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 2013) — In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Randall Cunningham of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Cunningham is the first Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Cunningham as Nevada's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Cunningham joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

The 6-foot-6, 185-pound junior won the high jump at the Division I state meet and led the Gaels to a 14th-place finish as a team. Cunningham cleared 7 feet, 3.25 inches in the high jump, setting a state record with a leap which ranked as the No. 1 performance among prep competitors in 2013 at the time of his selection. He was undefeated in the high jump this spring including victories at the Mt. Sac Relays and the Arcadia Invitational.

Cunningham has maintained a 3.27 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally at an area homeless shelter and food bank, as a math tutor and as a youth football and track coach.

"Randall Cunningham is a freak athlete who has also done a great job of learning the techniques of the high jump," said Tyrel Cooper, head coach of Arbor View High. "He is one of the most impressive high school track athletes I have ever watched compete."

Cunningham will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Cunningham joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Nick Hartle (2011-12 & 2010-11, Centennial High School), Garic Wharton (2009-10 & 2008-09, Valley), Joseph Abbott (2007-08, Galena), and Cameron Kroll (2006-2007, Reno) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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