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**CASTRO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE CALIFORNIA BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 2014) — In its 29<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 Nate Moore of Castro Valley High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade California Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Moore is the first Gatorade California Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Castro Valley 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 Moore as California'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, Moore 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 5-foot-10, 155-pound senior launched himself 25 feet, 8.75 inches in the long jump and leapt 51-4 in the triple jump at the state meet, becoming the first California male to win both events in consecutive seasons. The returning San Jose Mercury News East Bay Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year, Moore also ran the third leg of the silver medal-winning 4x100-meter relay quartet that crossed the line in 41.29 seconds, leading the Trojans to second place as a team. His long jump at the state meet ranked as the nation's No. 1 performance among prep competitors in 2014 and No. 28 in prep history at the time of his selection.

Also a basketball standout, Moore has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has regularly donated his time as a teacher's assistant at Child, Family & Community Services.

"In terms of his combination of jumps, he might be the best in the history of the United States," said Tony Green, head coach of rival Bishop O'Dowd High. "To jump over 25-8 in the long jump and 51-0 in the triple jump rarely happens. In California, track and field is the most competitive sport, so to be No. 1 two straight years is next to impossible, especially in two events."

Moore has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade California Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Khalfani Muhammad (2012-13, Notre Dame High School), Darren Fahy (2011-12, La Costa Canyon High School), Remontay McClain (2010 - 11, Covina High School), Sean Krinik (2009-10, Valencia), Mac Fleet (2008-09, University City), German Fernandez (2007-08, Riverbank), and Bryshon Nellum (2006-2007, Long Beach Polytechnic) among the state's list of former award winners.

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