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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS-KAPALAMA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE HAWAII BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 20, 2014) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Dylan Kane of Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Kane is the fourth Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama 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 Kane as Hawaii'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, Kane 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-3, 195-pound junior sprinter won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.14 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 21.92 at the state meet this past season, leading the Warriors to the championship as a team. Named the most valuable member of Kamehameha's team in 2014, Kane also anchored the 4x100-meter relay quartet that took fourth at states in 43.29 as well as the fourth-place 4x400 relay squad, which crossed the line in 3:27.43.

Also a football standout, Kane has maintained a 3.43 GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating his time as a youth track instructor, he has volunteered with the Special Olympics.

"He's a great sprinter in one of the best group of runners I've seen in years in Hawaii," said Pat Lau, head coach of rival Hawaii Prep Academy. "A great leader in the relays, he always shares the success with his teammates. He's a humble, respectable athlete that is a team player."

Kane 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.

Kane joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Keelan Ewaliko (2012-13, H.P. Baldwin High School), Shane Brostek (2011-12, Hawaii Preparatory Academy), Pierce Murphy (2010 – 11, Island School), Jacob Edwards (2009-10 & 2008-09, Ka'u), Javen Correia (2007-08, Maryknoll School), and Keoni Ucker (2006-2007, Christian Liberty Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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