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**FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW YORK BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 15, 2015) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Bryce Millar of Fayetteville-Manlius High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New York Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. Millar is the second Gatorade New York Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Fayetteville-Manlius 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 racecourse, distinguishes Millar as New York's best high school boys cross country runner. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year award to be announced in January, Millar joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-00, 2000-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Kevin Garnett (1992-93, Maudlin HS, S.C.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 6-foot-2, 160-pound senior raced to his second consecutive Class A individual state championship this past season, leading the Hornets to the state title as a team. Millar won the Nike Cross Nationals New York Regional championships in 15:48.8 and helped Fayetteville-Manlius win the national team title at the NXN Final. He also broke the tape at the Section 3 championships and the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Invitational, and earned second-place finishes at both the Manhattan Invitational and the McQuaid Invitational.

Millar has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of a senior citizen's center and a youth track & field program.

"He had one great race after another, and he was an integral part of a national championship team," said Fayetteville-Manlius head coach Bill Aris. "Bryce is a humble, dedicated and hard-working young man. He's a total team player and a pleasure to work with in every way."

Millar has signed a National Letter of Intent to run on an athletic scholarship at Indiana University beginning 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.

Millar joins Gatorade New York Boys Cross Country Runners of the Year Mickey Burke (2013-14, Rush-Henrietta Senior High School), Nick Ryan (2012-13 & 2011-12, Fayetteville-Manlius High School), Edward Owens (2010-11, The Packer Collegiate Institute), Alex Deir (2009-10, Honeoye Falls-Lima), Joe Whelan (2008-09, Hamburg), and Patrick Dupont (2007-08, Fairport) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

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