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**CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE DELAWARE BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 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 Kieran Tuntivate of Charter School of Wilmington as its 2014-15 Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Tuntivate is the first Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Charter School of Wilmington.

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 Tuntivate as Delaware'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, Tuntivate 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-7, 125-pound senior won the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:14.49 and the 3,200 in 9:09.95 at the Meet of Champions this past season. The state's 2014-15 Gatorade Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year, Tuntivate swept the 1,600 (4:19.27) and 3,200 (9:39.87) at the Division I championships, leading the Force to fourth place as a team. Tuntivate also placed second in the 800-meter run, clocking a 1:57.04, and anchored the third-place 800-meter relay quartet that crossed the line in 8:20.48 at the division meet. His seasons-best 1,600 time of 4:11.71 at the New Castle County Championships broke two-time Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year Brian Sklodowski's nine-year-old state record.

Tuntivate has maintained a 4.20 weighted GPA in the classroom. In addition to fundraising to benefit needy children in Uganda, he has volunteered on behalf of his school's humanitarian club, Habitat for Humanity, the Sunday Breakfast Mission and Ulster Project Delaware's effort to promote peace in Northern Ireland.

"He has been a hard worker since his freshmen year," said Carmella Anderson, head coach of rival Delcastle Tech. "He has been All-State for four years in cross country, he ran the fastest mile in the history of Delaware, and he exemplifies leadership qualities and is very coachable."

Tuntivate will attend Harvard University this fall, where he plans to compete in cross country and track and field.

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.

Tuntivate joins recent Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Zach Schmelz (2013-14, St. Mark's High School), Lamar Bruton (2012-13, Howard High School of Technology), Sam Parsons (2011-12, The Tatnall School), Tyler Tate (2010-11, The Tatnall School), Ryan Lee (2009-10, Archmere Academy), Bobby Kennedy Jr. (2008-09, Caravel Academy), Isaiah Brisco (2007-08, Cape Henlopen), and Brian Sklodowski (2006-07, Tatnall) among the state's list of former award winners.

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