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**JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE OHIO 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 Chad Zallow of John F. Kennedy High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Ohio Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Zallow is the second Gatorade Ohio Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from John F. Kennedy 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 Zallow as Ohio'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, Zallow 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-11, 165-pound senior won three individual state titles at the Division 3 state meet this spring, leading the Eagles to the state championship as a team. Zallow broke the tape in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.55 seconds, the 110-meter high hurdles in 13.91 and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 39.06. He also won the 60-meter hurdles at the New Balance Nationals Indoor this past winter. Zallow's season-best time of 13.50 in the 110 hurdles ranked as the nation's No. 2 time among prep competitors in 2015 at the time of his selection.

Zallow has maintained a B average in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally on behalf of a soup kitchen.

"Chad has a rare combination of modesty, academic success and athletic tenacity," said John F. Kennedy coach Jack Thornton. "Through hard work and perseverance he's become one of the most decorated high school track athletes in Ohio history."

Zallow has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Youngstown State University 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.

Zallow joins recent Gatorade Ohio Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Steele Wasik (2013-14, St. Edward High School), Desmond Palmer (2012-13, Pickerington High School North), Donovan Robertson (2011-12 & 2010-11, Berea High School), Justin Welch (2009-10, Eastwood), Danny Neff (2008-09, Butler), Cory Leslie (2007-08, Perkins), and Jimmie Pacifico (2006-07, Butler) among the state's list of former award winners.

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