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**JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 Julian Body of Jesuit High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Body is the third Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Jesuit 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 Body as Oregon'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, Body 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, 150-pound junior won the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.36 seconds and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 37.44 at the Class 6A state meet this spring, leading the Crusaders to a fourth-place finish as a team. Body also anchored the third-place 4x400 relay at the state meet, and swept the hurdle events at both the Metro League Championships and the Jesuit/Nike Twilight relays.

Body has maintained a 3.79 GPA in the classroom. He has assisted the homeless in his community and has volunteered locally on behalf of the Beaverton Police Activities League.

"Julian is truly a uniquely gifted athlete," said Jesuit coach Tom Rothenberger. "He's on a different plane than anyone else in the 300 hurdles, and when we give him the baton on the relay, we know good things are going to happen."

Body 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.

Body joins recent Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Matthew Maton (2013-14, Summit High School), Beau Brosseau (2012-13, Oregon City High School), Jefferson Jarvis (2011-12, Hidden Valley High School), Ryan Crouser (2010-11, Sam Barlow High School), Sam Crouser (2009-10, Gresham), Elijah Greer (2008-09, Lake Oswego), Nathan Mathabane (2007-08, Lincoln), and Darius Buckner (2006-07, Liberty) among the state's list of former award winners.

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