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**ALLOWAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE KENTUCKY GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 2016) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Lily Lowe of Calloway County High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Kentucky Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Lowe is the first Gatorade Kentucky Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Calloway County 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 Lowe as Kentucky's best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Lowe joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Allyson Felix (2001-02, Los Angeles Baptist, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.) and Bianca Knight (2006-07, Ridgeland HS, Miss.).

The 6-foot senior high jumper and hurdler won the high jump at the Class AA state meet this past season, leading the Lakes to a fifth-place finish as a team. Lowe also placed second in the 100-meter high hurdles and third in both the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and long jump. A four-time Class AA high jump champion, she finished second at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor with a leap of 5 feet, 10 inches. Her personal best in the high jump of 5 feet, 10.5 inches ranked as the nation's No. 3 leap in 2016 among prep competitors at the time of her selection.

Lowe has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a youth high jump coach and with the Special Olympics. She has also donated her time to multiple community-service initiatives through her church youth group.

"Lily Lowe was simply unbelievable this year," said Cory Westerfield, head coach of Marshall County High. "She obviously has a great deal of natural talent to be able to jump like that, but I think what makes her special is that she has worked very hard at it."

Lowe has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on an athletic scholarship at the University of Hawaii 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.

Lowe joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Kianna Gray (2014-15, 2013-14 & 2012-13, North Hardin High School), Alisha Adair (2011-12, Western Hills High School), Emma Brink (2010-11, 2009-10 & 2008-09, Sacred Heart Academy), Lutisha Bowen (2007-08, Ballard High School), and Mary Grace Pellegrini (2006-07 & 2005-06 DuPont Manual High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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