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**CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MISSISSIPPI 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 Monica Mosley of Clinton High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Mississippi Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Mosley is the second Gatorade Mississippi Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Clinton 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 Mosley as Mississippi'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, Mosley 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 5-foot-5 senior won three individual state titles at the Class 6A state meet this past season, leading the Arrows to the state championship as a team. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year, Mosley won the 100-meter high hurdles in 14.18 seconds, captured the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 43.73 and leapt 40 feet, 2 inches to win the triple jump. She also ran a leg on the victorious 4x200 relay quartet.

Mosley has maintained a B average in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she has volunteered locally on behalf of a children's summer camp.

"Monica can do anything on the track," said Clinton head coach Johnathan Perkins. "I could just put her in an event and she would go out there and win it, it didn't matter what the event was."

Mosley has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Mississippi 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.

Two-time winner Mosley joins Gatorade Mississippi Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Demi Washington (2013-14, Clinton High School), Zaria Tillman (2012-13, Hattiesburg High School), Erika Sisk (2011-12, Oxford High School), Taryn Hartfield (2010-11, Hattiesburg High School), Cory McGee (2009-10, 2008-09 & 2007-08, Pass Christian High School), and Bianca Knight (2006-07, Ridgeland High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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