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**OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Maegan Doody of Oyster River High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Doody is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Oyster River 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 Doody as New Hampshire'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, Doody 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-3 senior won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:11.43 and took the 1600-meter run in 4:47.85 at the state Meet of Champions this past season. Also a three-time Gatorade Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year, Doody won the 1600 at the New England Championships and captured both the 800 and 1600 at the Division 2 championship meet. She also took first in the mile at the Loucks Games.

Doody has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. She has donated her time as a member of Oyster River's student council and as a student representative on the school board.

"What's unique about Maegan is that she started distance running as a way to get in shape for sprinting," said Oyster River coach Nick Ricciardi. "By accident, she found out that she had some talent there, and it ended up working out much better than anyone had expected."

Doody has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Georgetown 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.

Doody joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Hannah Parker (2014-15, 2013-14 & 2012-13, Coe-Brown Northwood Academy), Hillary Holmes (2011-12, Exeter High School), Krista Vincent (2010-11, Somersworth High School), Arianna Vailas (2009-10, Central High School), Jocelyn Briggs (2008-09, Winnacunnet High School), Anna Cioffredi (2007-08, Lebanon High School), and Kelsey Huckins (2006-07, Keene High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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