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**DUBLIN COFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE OHIO GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 2016) — In its 31<sup>st</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Abby Steiner of Dublin Coffman High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Ohio Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Steiner is the first Gatorade Ohio Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Dublin Coffman 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 Steiner as Ohio'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, Steiner 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-7 sophomore sprinter won a pair of individual state championships this spring and anchored the winning 4x200-meter relay quartet, leading the Shamrocks to a third-place finish as a team at the Division I state meet. Steiner took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.87 seconds as well as the 200-meter dash, breaking the tape in 23.92. A First Team All-State selection in both track & field and soccer, she was unbeaten against Ohio competition this season and her winning time of 23.63 in the 200 at the Dublin Coffman-Hilliard Davidson Invitational ranked as the nation's No. 24 performance among prep competitors in 2016 at the time of her selection.

Steiner has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple fundraisers to benefit cancer research. She has also donated her time as both a youth soccer and track & field coach.

"Abby Steiner is the fastest female high schooler in the state of Ohio," said James Dingus, head coach at Oletangy Liberty High. "Since losing the 100-meter dash as a freshman, she has never lost a race in the state since that time. From an athletic standpoint, she is something very special."

Steiner has verbally committed to a dual track & field and soccer scholarship at the University of Kentucky beginning in the fall of 2018.

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.

Steiner joins recent Gatorade Ohio Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Karrington Winters (2014-15, New Albany High School), Allyson Simmons (2013-14, Fairless High School), Katelyn Daniels (2012-13, Olentangy Orange High School), Alyssa McBride (2011-12, Bryan High School), Kaila Barber (2010-11 & 2009-10, Midpark High School), Stephanie Morgan (2008-09 & 2007-08, Barnesville High School), and Emily Pendleton (2006-07, Woodmore High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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