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WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 24, 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 Drew Glick of Woodrow Wilson High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Glick is the fourth Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Woodrow Wilson 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 Glick as District of Columbia'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, Glick 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, 145-pound senior distance talent won a pair of individual state titles and anchored the winning 4x800-meter relay quartet at the District of Columbia State Athletic Association championships this spring, leading the Tigers to a second-place finish as a team. Glick took first in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:25.50 and the 3200-meter run, breaking the tape in 10:04.29. He also earned second-place in the 800-meter run, crossing the line in 1:59.98. A 2015 Washington Post All-Met Honorable Mention honoree, he was also a triple-event winner at the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association championships, winning the 800 in 1:57.73, the 1600 in 4:27.45 and the 3200 with a time of 9:40.25.

Glick has maintained a 4.09 GPA in the classroom. A member of his school's jazz band and mass media and communications club, he has volunteered locally as a summer youth camp counselor.

"Drew Glick has stormed the track scene this year," said Woodrow Wilson High head coach Desmond Dunham. "He has improved his mile time by more than 13 seconds this season. That is a true testament of his hard work and dedication. A student-athlete of his caliber is a coach's dream."

Glick has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Pittsburgh 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.

Glick joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Maurice Morris (2014-15, Roosevelt High School), Acey Calhoun (2013-14, Woodrow Wilson High School), Michael Smith (2012-13, Dunbar High School), Mike Crozier (2011-12, Gonzaga College High School), Collin Leibold (2010-11, Gonzaga College High School), Imani Kelly (2009-10, Theodore Roosevelt High School), Seck Barry (2008-09 & 2007-08, St. Albans School), and Bernell Hailey (2006-07, Coolidge High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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