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**GRANT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 Harrison Schrage of Grant High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Schrage is the first Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Grant 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 Schrage as Oregon'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, Schrage 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 6-foot-2, 185-pound senior won two individual titles and took silver in two more events at the Class 6A state meet this past season, leading the Generals to third place as a team. Schrage soared 24 feet, 3 inches to win the long jump and 49-1.25 to capture the triple jump, while earning runner-up finishes in both the 100 and 200-meter dash. His winning leap in the long jump ranked as the nation's No. 6 performance among prep competitors in 2016 at the time of his selection. His season-best triple jump of 49-8 ranked No. 14.

Schrage has maintained a 3.28 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of youth soccer and track programs.

"Harrison is a really driven kid," said Grant coach Bryant Howard. "He's part of a legacy of jumping with his father and his uncle and he's been motivated to get to the level they both achieved. He works his tail off and wrings every bit of performance out of his ability."

Schrage has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at the University of Arkansas 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.

Schrage joins recent Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Julian Body (2014-15, Jesuit High School), Matthew Maton (2013-14, Summit High School), Beau Brosseau (2012-13, Oregon City High School), Jefferson Jarvis (2011-12, Hidden Valley High School), Ryan Crouser (2010-11, Sam Barlow High School), Sam Crouser (2009-10, Gresham High School), Elijah Greer (2008-09, Lake Oswego High School), Nathan Mathabane (2007-08, Lincoln High School), and Darius Buckner (2006-07, Liberty High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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