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**BRENTWOOD ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 George Patrick of Brentwood Academy as its 2015-16 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Patrick is the third Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood Academy.

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 Patrick as Tennessee'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, Patrick 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 returning Gatorade State Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year, the 6-foot-1, 175-pound senior won five individual state championships at the Division II state meet for a second straight season, leading the Eagles to a state title. Patrick won the 110-meter high hurdles, the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, the long jump, the triple jump and the decathlon. His decathlon score of 7,324 points ranked as the nation's No. 1 score in 2016 among prep competitors at the time of his selection. He also ranked No. 16 in the 110 hurdles with a time of 13.86 seconds.

Patrick has maintained a 3.73 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as part of fundraising campaigns to benefit cancer and autism research. He has also donated his time to a food bank and Habitat for Humanity in addition to serving as a student leader on a mission trip to Haiti, where he helped build a community center and medical clinic.

"George Patrick is probably the best overall high school track athlete in the country," said Mike Wood, head coach of the McCallie School. "I told my guys if you want to see how an event should be done, just watch George."

Patrick has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on an athletic scholarship at the University of Texas beginning 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 Patrick joins Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Harrison Williams (2013-14, Memphis University School), Brock Baker (2012-13 & 2011-12, Oakland High School), Tyler Anderson (2010-11, Hillsboro High School), Kevin Lazas (2009-10, Brentwood), Jordan Chaney (2008-09, Maryville High School), Sean Keveren (2007-08, Brentwood Academy), and Ben Davies (2006-07, Brentwood Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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