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**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE VERMONT 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 Tyler Marshall of Champlain Valley Union High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Marshall is the first Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Champlain Valley Union 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 Marshall as Vermont'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, Marshall 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-1, 155-pound junior won three individual titles at the Division I state meet this past season, leading the Redhawks to a state championship as a team. Marshall won the 800-meter run, the 1,500-meter run and the 3,000-meter run at the state meet. His season-best time in the 3,000 (8:51.77) ranked as the nation's No. 83 time in 2016 among prep competitors at the time of his selection, while his 4:04.30 clocking in the 1,500 ranked No. 97.

Marshall has maintained a 3.37 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally at numerous road races and as a youth track coach.

"Tyler Marshall was the man in Vermont distance running this spring," said Joe Gonillo, head coach of Essex High. "He excelled in all distance events, showing off his talent, strength, diversity and unselfishness to his team."

Marshall will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Marshall joins recent Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Alec Eschholz (2014-15, 2013-14 & 2012-13, Mount Mansfield Union High School), Jacob Ellis (2011-12, Brattleboro Union High School), Mike DiMambro (2010-11 & 2009-10, Essex High School), Adron Pitmon (2008-09, Mt. Mansfield Union High School), Ken Bunnell (2007-08, St. Johnsbury Academy), and David Kennedy (2006-07, Lamoille High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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