

SARALAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALABAMA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 28, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Morgan Davis of Saraland High School is the 2022-23 Gatorade Alabama Girls Track & Field Player of the Year. Davis is the first Gatorade Alabama Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Saraland 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 field, distinguishes Davis as Alabama’s best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Davis joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jasmine Moore (2018-19, Lake Ridge High School, Texas), Sydney McLaughlin (2016-17, 2015-16 & 2014-15, Union Catholic High School, N.J.), and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa).

The 5-foot-7 senior set two state records and won four individual titles at the Class 6A state meet this past season, leading the Spartans to a fifth-place finish as a team. Davis set a new Alabama standard in the high jump with a clearance of 6-feet, which ranked No. 2 nationally among girls prep competitors in 2023. She also won the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 8.25 inches, which ranked No. 4 nationally. Her state-title-winning performances in the 100- and 200-meter dashes both ranked in the nation’s top 75 clockings this spring.

A member of the Saraland High School National Honor Society, Davis has volunteered locally at the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama and at a church summer camp. She has also donated her time to Nobles Group Homes, which provides residential services for people with intellectual challenges, and to LEAPs (Ladies Exploring All Possibilities), a mentoring group that serves at-risk females ages 8-18. “Morgan Davis is one of only two female prep athletes in the country this season to clear 6 feet in the high jump and surpass 20 feet in the long jump,” said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. “She set the Alabama record in both events, and she’s also one of the state’s elite sprinters.”

Davis has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at the University of Kentucky 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Davis joins recent Gatorade Alabama Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Iyana Johnson (2021-22, Davidson High School), Chanice Spicer (2020-21 & 2019-20, Brewbaker Tech), and Nicole Payne (2018-19, Oak Mountain High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade’s Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade’s social impact partners, supporting Gatorade’s ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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