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**GIRARD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE KANSAS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 22, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Cailie Logue of Girard High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Kansas Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Logue is the first Gatorade Kansas Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Girard 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 Logue as Kansas' best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Logue joins an elite alumni association of state track & field award-winners, including Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa), Allyson Felix (2002-03, Los Angeles Baptist High School, Calif.), Robert Griffin III (2006-07, Copperas Cove High School, Texas), Grant Fisher (2013-14 & 2014-15, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.) and Candace Hill (2014-15, Rockdale County High School, Ga.).

The 5-foot-6 senior won three individual events at the Class 4A state meet this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year, Logue won the 800-meter run with a meet-record time of 2:12.27, captured the 1600 in 5:05.31 and set another meet record of 10:28.8 in the 3200. She also won the 3200 at the Kansas Relays.

Also a talented musician and a devoted member of her church community, Logue has donated her time to Girard High's foreign language and service clubs as well as the school's peer leadership and tutoring initiatives. "Cailie Logue is a fierce and extremely humble competitor," said Tracey Bogina, head coach at Fort Scott High. "It's been a privilege to watch her compete and excel during her high school career. She exemplifies the inner qualities we want all young athletes to display."

Logue has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Iowa State University 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 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 Logue joins Gatorade Kansas Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Keiryn Swenson (2014-15 & 2013-14, Maize High School), Alexa Harmon-Thomas (2012-13, Free State High School), Alli Cash (2011-12, Shawnee Mission West High School), Megan Smith (2010-11, Olathe South High School), Kearsten Peoples (2009-10, Ottawa High School), Heather Bergmann (2008-09, Concordia High School), and Roxi Grizzle (2007-08 & 2006-07, Tonganoxie High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Cailie will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

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