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**LAKE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TEXAS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 21, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Jasmine Moore of Lake Ridge High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Moore is the first Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Lake Ridge 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 Moore as Texas' 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, Moore 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-9 junior won the long jump and the triple jump at the Class 5A state meet this past season, leading the Eagles to the state championship as a team. Moore soared 45 feet, 4.75 inches in the triple jump and leapt 20-8 in the long jump, while also running the lead leg for the winning 4x200 relay quartet and the second-place 4x100 relay foursome. Her season-best, wind-legal efforts of 44-1 in the triple jump and 20-11.75 in the long jump both ranked as the nation's No. 1 performances among prep competitors in 2018 at the time of her selection. Moore captured the triple jump crown (43-4) at this month's USATF Junior Outdoor Championships and took second in the long jump.

A devoted member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Moore has helped feed the needy and has volunteered locally on behalf of an animal shelter and youth track programs. "Jasmine is more dedicated to perfecting her craft than any athlete I've ever coached, and I've coached former Olympic athletes," said Lake Ridge coach Lauren Jones. "Despite all the publicity she gets, she remains grounded and continues to drive herself and her teammates to be the best they can be."

Moore has maintained an A average in the classroom. She will begin her 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 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Kynnedey Flannel (2016-17, Alvin High School), Tonea Marshall (2015-16, Seguin High School), Samantha Gonzalez (2014-15, Creekview High School), Desiree Freier (2013-14, Northwest High School), Alaysha Johnson (2012-13, Spring High School), Shelbi Vaughan (2011-12, Legacy High School), Jennifer Madu (2010-11, Plano East Senior High School), A'Lexus Brannon (2009-10, Ozen Magnet), Chelsey Sveinsson (2008-09, Greenhill School), Donique' Flemings (2007-08, Saginaw), and Erica Alexander (2006-07, Clear Brook) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Moore 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.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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