

Contact: Kelsey Rhoney (312-729-3685)

**WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 21, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Isaac Frumkin of Woodrow Wilson High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Frumkin is the sixth Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Woodrow Wilson 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 Frumkin as District of Columbia'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, Frumkin 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, 140-pound senior set a meet record in the 800-meter run and took third in the 1600-meter run at the District of Columbia State Athletic Association championships, leading the Tigers to their second straight title. Frumkin's District-best 1:53.90 at the DMV Meet of Champions helped set the stage for this month's New Balance Outdoor Nationals, where he took seventh in the 800 (1:55.36). He also ran a personal-best 4:27.99 in the 1600 at the Draper Invitational. In the course of his prep career, Frumkin was a six-time DCSAA individual champion, winning three titles apiece in both the 800 and 1600.

Frumkin has donated his time to international health and human services, packing and distributing food and equipment and providing coaching clinics on trips to Israel and the Dominican Republic. A peer tutor and peer mentor, he is the founder and president of Wilson Live, a student-run live streaming service, as well as the sports editor and content editor for his school newspaper. "Isaac is someone who commands the troops, holds teammates accountable and he represents the top true athletes I've worked with in my 20 years of coaching in this area," said Desmond Dunham, the former head coach at Woodrow Wilson who now holds that position at St. John's College High. "Isaac's become a household name here."

Frumkin has maintained an unweighted 4.35 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the District of Columbia's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He will attend Johns Hopkins University, where he will run track, 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.

Frumkin joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Eric Harrison (2016-17, St. John's College High School), Drew Glick (2015-16, Roosevelt High School), Maurice Morris (2014-15, Roosevelt High School), Acey Calhoun (2013-14, Woodrow Wilson High School), Michael Smith (2012-13, Dunbar High School), Mike Crozier (2011-12, Gonzaga College High School), Collin Leibold (2010-11, Gonzaga College High School), Imani Kelly (2009-10, Theodore Roosevelt), Seck Barry (2008-09 & 2007-08, St. Albans School), and Randy Lee (2006-07, Archbishop Carroll) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Frumkin 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.

###