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**BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII 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 Rey Cadiz of Baldwin High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Cadiz is the third Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Baldwin 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 Cadiz as Hawaii'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, Cadiz 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 6-foot-1, 163-pound junior broke a 19-year-old state meet record in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.20 seconds in the preliminary round at the state meet this past season. Cadiz finished first in the 110-meter high hurdles final in 14.53 and won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 38.9.

A member of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Cadiz has volunteered locally on behalf of a food bank and youth sports programs. "Rey had a lot of adversity this year," said Baldwin coach Tracy Enos. "He was injured early and we had to bring him along slowly, but he really turned it up a notch when the real competition started. He hurt his hamstring at state and we didn't even know if he could finish the 300 hurdles, but he turned it on in the straightaway and won it. He set a tone for everyone on the team."

Cadiz has maintained a B average in the classroom. He 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 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.

Cadiz joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Christian Padron (2016-17, Damien Memorial School), Anthony Kahoohanohano-Davis (2015-16, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Kayson Smith-Bejgrowicz (2014-15, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Dylan Kane (2013-14, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Keelan Ewaliko (2012-13, H.P. Baldwin High School), Shane Brostek (2011-12, Hawaii Preparatory Academy), Pierce Murphy (2010-11, Island School), Jacob Edwards (2009-10 & 2008-09, Ka'u), Javen Correia (2007-08, Maryknoll School), and Redmond Tutor (2006-07, Kahuku) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Cadiz 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.

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