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**LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA 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 Corey Moore of Liberty High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Moore is the first Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Liberty 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 Nevada'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, 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 6-foot, 205-pound junior won the discus throw at the Class 4A state meet this past season, leading the Patriots to a ninth-place finish as a team. Moore's top discus effort of 193 feet, 3 inches ranked No. 19 among prep competitors in 2018 at the time of his selection. He finished 10th in the discus at this month's New Balance Nationals Outdoor and is a five-time AAU West Coast Junior Olympics champion in the event.

Moore has volunteered locally as a mentor and instructor to young throwers at his club, Throwers' Respect. "Corey is a kid who I know will always show up and throw big at a big meet," said Geoff Walker, head coach of Liberty High. "He is a hard-working competitor."

Moore has maintained a B average in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Zachary Stallings (2016-17, McQueen High School), Zachary Hawley (2015-16, Faith Lutheran High School), Mark Rubalcaba (2014-15, Faith Lutheran High School), Dominic Smallwood (2013-14, Silverado High School), Randall Cunningham (2012-13, Bishop Gorman High School), Nick Hartle (2011-12 & 2010-11, Centennial High School), Garic Wharton (2009-10 & 2008-09, Valley High School), Joseph Abbott (2007-08, Galena High School), and Dell Guy (2006-07, Western High School) 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.