

## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS-HAWAII STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 20, 2019) — In its 34<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Chenoa Frederick of Kamehameha Schools-Hawaii** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year**. Frederick is the first Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools-Hawaii.

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 Frederick as Hawaii's 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, Frederick 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 junior won four individual events at the state championships this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year, Frederick broke the tape in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.56 seconds, while soaring 38 feet, 7 inches to win the triple jump and 18-2.75 to capture the long jump. She also cleared 5-1 to win the high jump.

A soccer standout as well, Frederick has served as a peer mentor in her school. "Chenoa has God-given talent, but she's also mentally tough," said Kamehameha Schools-Hawaii coach Manly Kanoa. "She has a fierce competitive drive—she knows when it's game time and she just hates to lose."

Frederick has maintained a 3.05 GPA 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Two-time winner Frederick joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Kristen O'Handley (2016-17, Kaiser High School), Emma Taylor (2015-16, Hawaii Preparatory Academy), Kathleen Funcheon (2014-15, Moanalua High School) and Alyssa Bettendorf (2013-14, Seabury Hall) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Frederick also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of her choosing. She is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [www.Gatorade.com/POY](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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