

## COLUMBIA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MONTANA 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 **Angellica Street of Columbia Falls High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Montana Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year**. Street is the first Gatorade Montana Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Columbia Falls 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 Street as Montana'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, Street 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-5 junior won the javelin with a meet-record throw of 156 feet, 11 inches at the Class A state championships this past season, leading the Wildcats to a sixth-place finish as a team. Street set a state record in the javelin at a meet in May with a toss of 158-8, which ranked No. 4 in the nation among prep competitors at the time of her selection. She also took third in the shot put and 13th in the discus at the state meet.

Street has volunteered locally as a youth track coach. "Angellica Street is unbeatable in the javelin and her progress this year was amazing," said Spencer Huls, head coach of Corvallis High. "I think that her arm speed is unmatched and that she's worked extremely hard to improve her form to go along with the incredible arm speed and strength."

Street has maintained a B 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. 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.

Street joins recent Gatorade Montana Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Camila Noe (2017-18, Bozeman High School), Annie Hill (2016-17, Glacier High School), Christina Aragon (2015-16 & 2014-15, Billings Senior High School), and Erika McLeod (2013-14, Butte High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Street 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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