

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE SOUTH DAKOTA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 20, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Jasmine Greer of Roosevelt High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade South Dakota Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year**. Greer is the fifth Gatorade South Dakota Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Roosevelt 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 Greer as South Dakota'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, Greer 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 junior set a meet record in the shot put at the Class AA state championships this past season, leading the Rough Riders to a third-place finish as a team. Greer's winning throw of 47 feet was less than an inch shy of her personal-best toss of 47-0.75, which ranked No. 23 in the nation among prep competitors at the time of her selection.

The 2019 High School National Powerlifting champion in the heavyweight division, Greer has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter and food bank. "Jasmine Greer is a special talent," said Shane Reilly, head coach of Washington High. "The marks she is throwing are incredible, and with her only being a junior it will be exciting to see what she will do next season."

Greer has maintained a weighted 3.94 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.

Greer joins recent Gatorade South Dakota Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Shayla Howell (2017-18, Belle Fourche High School), Krista Bickley (2016-17, Brandon Valley High School), Cortney Dowling (2015-16 & 2013-14, T.F. Riggs High School), and Macy Heinz (2014-15, Ipswich High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Greer 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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