

**STAR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WYOMING BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 24, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Wyatt Moore of Star Valley High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Wyoming Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year**. Moore is the second Gatorade Wyoming Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Star Valley 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 Wyoming'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, 170-pound senior swept the 100- and 200-meter dash at the Class 4A state meet this past season, leading the Braves to the team title. Moore captured silver in the 200 at the prestigious Arcadia Invitational and he qualified for the New Balance Nationals Outdoor in both dash events. The state indoor record-holder in the 60-meter dash, Moore is a four-time state champion.

Moore has volunteered locally as a youth football and basketball coach. He has also donated his time on behalf of multiple community service initiatives through his church youth group. "The thing that sets Wyatt apart is that he comes from one of the smallest schools in the 4A classification and just carried on his winning ways [at every level]," said Bryan Coventry, head coach of Kelly Walsh High School. "I have seen smaller-school kids fold under the pressure of competing with the Cheyennes and Caspers at the state meet, and Wyatt made it look easy in the sprints this year."

Moore has maintained a weighted 3.99 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Wyoming beginning 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Brodie Roden (2017-18, Riverton High School), McCade Johnson (2016-17, Laramie High School), Brody Smith (2015-16, Cody High School), Chase Andersen (2014-15, Natrona County High School) and Joey Czellecz (2013-14, Kelly Walsh High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Moore also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He 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.