

**MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE IDAHO GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 25, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Lexy Halladay of Mountain View High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Idaho Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Halladay is the first Gatorade Idaho Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Mountain View 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 field, distinguishes Halladay as Idaho'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, Halladay joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, 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 state's 2016-17 and 2018-19 Gatorade Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year, the 5-foot-8 senior concluded her prep track career with nine state championships and three state records. Also the state's 2016-17 and 2017-18 Gatorade Cross Country Runner of the Year, Halladay is the state's most decorated Gatorade Player of the Year as a runner with five awards. Borah High's Nicole Nielsen won three in the late 2000s. Halladay clocked a time of 4:49.27 in the mile during this abbreviated spring season, which ranked as the nation's No. 3 time among prep competitors. Her top mile time of 4:41.80 as a freshman ranks No. 35 all-time among prep competitors in the United States. She also holds the state record in the 1500- and 1600-meter run.

A violinist in the Mountain View High school orchestra, Halladay has volunteered locally at an assisted living facility, where her father is an administrator. She has also donated her time with multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. "Running is Lexy's love and passion," said Tracy Harris, head coach of Mountain View High. "She has done whatever it takes to compete at a high level, even running through injury."

Halladay has maintained a 3.77 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Brigham Young University.

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.

Three-time winner Halladay joins recent Gatorade Idaho Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Maggie Liebich (2017-18, Boise High School), Sara Christianson (2015-16, Borah High School) and Emily Hamlin (2014-15 & 2013-2014, Boise High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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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