

**SUPERIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEBRASKA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 25, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Kalynn Meyer of Superior High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Nebraska Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Meyer is the third Gatorade Nebraska Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Superior 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 Meyer as Nebraska'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, Meyer 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 two-time returning Gatorade Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year and 6-foot-3 senior concluded her prep track career as a three-time Lincoln Journal Star Prep Girls Athlete of the Year and a two-time Omaha World Herald Athlete of the Year. Meyer set a state record at the 2019 Outdoor Class C state meet in the discus with a throw of 176 feet, 8 inches, which ranks as the nation's No. 18 distance in prep history. She also twice broke the Class C state meet record in the shot put, launching it 49-5 to produce the nation's No. 3 mark in the spring of 2019.

A member of the Superior High School student council and its Future Farmers of America chapter, Meyer has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball and basketball coach. "I have been coaching track for 18 years and I have never seen an athlete, male or female, with the ability that Kalynn has," said Matt Swartzendruber, assistant coach of Sandy Creek High. "She's a once-in-a-career kind of kid."

Meyer has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Nebraska.

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 Meyer joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year MacKenzie Brandl (2016-17, Stanton High School), and Chloe Akin-Otiko (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Bellevue West 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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