## ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE SOUTH DAKOTA 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 Jasmine Greer of Roosevelt High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade South Dakota Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Greer is the fourth 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 field, 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 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 returning Gatorade Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year, the 6-foot senior was a member of Team USA's gold-medal winning squad at the 2019 North American Powerlifting Federation Championships in Costa Rica in August. The 2019 High School National Powerlifting champion in the heavyweight division, Greer is a two-time state champ in shot put, and her winning throw of 47 feet, 0.75 inches at the 2019 Class AA state meet ranked as the nation's No. 22 mark among prep competitors a year ago.

Greer has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter and food bank. "Jasmine is one of the top throwers to come through South Dakota in recent memory," said Jim Jarovski, head coach of Lincoln High School. "She was dominant in the shot and was great in the discus. Her consistency and competitiveness made her special."

Greer has maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Kansas State 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.

Two-time winner 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 & 2012-13, T.F. Riggs High School), and Macy Heinz (2014-15, Ipswich 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 <a href="https://www.twitter.com/Gatorade">www.twitter.com/Gatorade</a>.