

**GUYER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TEXAS 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 Brynn Brown of Guyer High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Brown is the first Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Guyer 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 Brown as Texas'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, Brown 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 5-foot-6 junior broke the tape in the outdoor 3200-meter run at the Coppell Relays in 9:58.58 in late February, clocking a 9:58.58, which ranked as the fastest girls time in state history and as the nation's No. 12 performance of all-time in the event. Though the remainder of the high school season was cancelled, Brown recorded a time trial of 9:39.38 in the 3200, which, had it been official, would have shattered the national record by eight seconds. The 2019 Class 6A state champion in the 1600 and 3200, she won the two-mile run at the Texas A&M Classic this past winter with a time of 10:08.11—the nation's No. 1 performance among prep indoor competitors in 2020.

A devoted member of her church community, Brown has volunteered locally on behalf of a children's camp for Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit patients. "Brynn is no stranger to adversity," said Guyer High School coach Megan Sprabeary. "She has endured multiple season-ending injuries, unfortunate falls and most recently, the loss of an outdoor track season to the pandemic. However, she has handled it all with dignity and grace. She uses each disappointment as motivation toward her next goal."

Brown has maintained a 4.54 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. 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.

Brown joins recent Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Jasmine Moore (2018-19 & 2017-18, Lake Ridge High School), Kynnedey Flannel (2016-17, Alvin High School), Tonea Marshall (2015-16, Seguin High School), Samantha Gonzalez (2014-15, Creekview High School), and Desiree Freier (2013-14, Northwest 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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