

**MOUNT ANTHONY UNION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE VERMONT 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 Rebecca Crosier of Mount Anthony Union High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Vermont Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Crosier is the second Gatorade Vermont Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Mount Anthony Union 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 Crosier as Vermont'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, Crosier 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-2 senior won three events at the Division I Indoor State Meet this past winter, leading the Patriots to a fourth-place finish as a team. Crosier won the 300-meter dash, the 55-meter hurdles and the long jump while crossing the line second in the 55-meter dash. A seven-time state champion, Crosier is one of four girls in state history to crack 5,000 points in the decathlon as she took silver at the 2019 State Decathlon championships. She ranked among the state's top seven performers in nine events during the 2019 Outdoor track season.

Crosier has volunteered locally with the Mount Anthony Union High Quantum Leap Exhibit program, which provides under-resourced students with an alternate program focusing on cross-curricular education through project-based learning. She has also donated her time as a youth track and soccer coach. "Rebecca is a super athlete," said Chip Langmaid, head coach of St. Johnsbury Academy. "She picks up events quickly, she's a great jumper and an excellent sprinter. She is the best athlete in the state."

Crosier has maintained a weighted 3.56 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

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.

Crosier joins recent Gatorade Vermont Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Ella Whitman (2018-19, Champlain Valley Union High School), Molly McCreedy (2017-18, U-32 High School), Sonia John (2016-17, Rice Memorial High School), Katherine Cowan (2015-16, St. Johnsbury Academy), Kayla Gilding (2014-15, South Burlington High School), and Autumn Eastman (2013-14 & 2012-13, Champlain Valley Union 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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