

**SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MONTANA BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 29, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Julius Mims of Skyview High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Montana Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Mims is the first Gatorade Montana Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Skyview 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 Mims as Montana's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in July, Mims 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 6-foot-7, 180-pound senior twice cleared 6 feet, 10 inches in the high jump during the 2019 outdoor season, which ranked as the nation's No. 21 mark among prep competitors last spring. A two-time Skyview High Team MVP, Mims won the high jump at the 2019 Class AA Outdoor state meet with a leap of 6-9. He was also a 2020 Class AA First Team All-State selection with the Skyview boys basketball team.

Mims has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach. "Julius is a very talented young man that put in a lot of work crafting his skill to be as great a jumper as he is," said Brandon Quessenberry, head coach of Billings Senior High.

Mims has maintained a weighted 3.39 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball and run track on an athletic scholarship at North Idaho College.

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.

Mims joins recent Gatorade Montana Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Rylan Ortt (2018-19, Sentinel High School), Garrison Hughes (2017-18, Sidney High School), Dawson LaRance (2016-17, Billings Senior High School), Jake Perrin (2015-16, Flathead High School) and Dalton Daum (2014-15 & 2013-14, Butte 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](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](https://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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