

**PINKERTON ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Conor Seleny of Pinkerton Academy as its 2019-20 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Seleny is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Pinkerton Academy.

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 Seleny as New Hampshire'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, Seleny 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-10, 160-pound senior won the 300-meter dash in 35.64 seconds at the 2020 Division 1 indoor state meet, while also anchoring the 4x200 relay quartet to victory this past winter. Seleny took second in the 55 hurdles in 7.57, which ranked as the nation's No. 44 performance among prep indoor competitors in 2020. He led the 4x200 relay foursome to second place at the New England Indoor Championships in a state-record time of 1:31.05. He also won both the 200 dash and the 300 hurdles outdoors at the 2019 state Meet of Champions.

Seleny has volunteered locally on behalf of food-donation drives, campus clean-up initiatives, and youth soccer and track programs. "Conor is the heart and soul of this team," said Pinkerton coach Carol Quarles. "He literally put the team on his back and carried them through to a Division 1 championship this winter. He can run just about any distance except the 1600 and the 3200—but if I asked him, he would do those too. There's nothing he would not do for his team."

Seleny has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will attend Norwich University, where he will compete in track and field.

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.

Seleny joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Jacob Winslow (2018-19, Exeter High School), Billy Powers (2017-18 & 2016-17, Winnacunnet High School), Sebastian Eaton (2015-16, Souhegan High School), Eli Moskowitz (2014-15, Souhegan High School), and John Cioffredi (2013-14, Lebanon 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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