

**PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (July 8, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jeremiah Swett of Phillips Exeter Academy** as its **2020-21 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Swett is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Phillips Exeter 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 Swett as New Hampshire's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Swett 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-11, 235-pound senior topped the rest of the state by nearly 29 feet this past season, launching the discus 190 feet, 1 inch, which ranked as the nation's No. 17 prep performance in 2021. Swett qualified for the National Scholastic Athletic Foundation Outdoor Nationals, where he took 10th with a throw of 177-8.

Swett formed the Black Sock Foundation, which seeks to spread awareness of May-Thurner Syndrome, a rare blood-clotting disorder that he suffers from. During the pandemic, he organized a spare-change fundraiser that ultimately purchased thousands of dollars of food for the St. Vincent Food Bank. "It's been a massive privilege to watch Jeremiah Swett's progression to national-caliber in the discus," said Phillips Exeter coach Hilary Coder Hall. "He has trained and willed himself to a point where he could earn a medal on a national stage."

Swett has maintained an A average in the classroom. He will attend Harvard University this fall, 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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Swett joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Conor Seleny (2019-20, Pinkerton Academy), Jacob Winslow (2018-19, Exeter High School), and Billy Powers (2017-18 & 2016-17, Winnacunnet High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Swett has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Swett is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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