

**RAINIER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 Nubbe of Rainier High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Washington Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Nubbe is the first Gatorade Washington Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Rainier 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 Nubbe as Washington'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, Nubbe 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-3, 220-pound junior posted Top-10 national marks in the discus and hammer throw events this past season. Nubbe's personal-best hammer throw of 218 feet, 5.75 inches at the Seattle Springs Hammer Series in April ranked No. 5 nationally among 2021 prep competitors at the time of his selection. The Class 2B state champion in the discus as a freshman, Nubbe's personal-best discus throw of 196 feet even ranked No. 7 nationally this spring.

The president of the SkillsUSA Club at Rainier High, Nubbe is an experienced welder who has helped install signs at several community parks around Rainier. He has volunteered locally with the Rainier Education Foundation Scholarship program. "Jeremiah exhibits a tremendous amount of self-discipline and dedication in his training regimen," said Josh Frunz, head coach of Rainier High. "He practices his throws four to five days a week, completes an intense strength-training regimen and adheres to a strict diet."

Nubbe has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his 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 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.

Nubbe joins recent Gatorade Washington Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Trey Knight (2019-20, 2018-19, & 2017-18 Ridgefield High School), and Brigham Cardon (2016-17, Selah High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Nubbe has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Nubbe 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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