

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

CHICAGO (June 29, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jordan McQueen** of **Kapolei High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. McQueen is the first Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Kapolei 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 McQueen as Hawaii'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, McQueen 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 (2014-15 & 2013-14, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.) and Candace Hill (2014-15, Rockdale County High School, Ga.).

The 6-foot-3, 170-pound senior won two individual events and ran the second leg on the title-winning 4x400-meter relay at the state meet this past season, leading the Hurricanes to third place as a team. McQueen leapt 21 feet, 8.5 inches to win the long jump and soared 44-9.75 to take the triple jump. He also took sixth in the high jump.

McQueen has volunteered locally on behalf of a youth gymnastics program. "Jordan McQueen is just an overall great athlete," said Kapolei coach Nicole Casison. "He's a very hard worker and has such raw athleticism that whenever we ask him if he wants to try something new, he's willing to do it."

McQueen has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will attend Oglethorpe University in Georgia 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

McQueen joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Chris Paige (2020-21, Punahou School), Trenton Wailehua (2019-20, Saint Louis School), Tanner Moku (2018-19, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama), and Rey Cadiz (2017-18, Baldwin High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, McQueen has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. McQueen is also eligible to submit a short 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 \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.