

**OAKLAND MILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MARYLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 29, 2022) — In its 37<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Judson Lincoln IV** of **Oakland Mills High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Maryland Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Lincoln IV is the second Gatorade Maryland Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Oakland Mills 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 Lincoln IV as Maryland'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, Lincoln IV 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-4, 160-pound senior won four events at the Class 2A state meet this past season, leading the Scorpions to the state championship as a team. Lincoln broke the tape in the 100-meter dash in 10.46 seconds, while taking the 200 in 20.90 and the 400 in 47.42. He also ran the second leg on the victorious 4x200 quartet. He won a national title with his clocking of 47.26 in the 400 at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor, and he placed second in the 400 at the Brooks PR Invitational in 46.23, which ranked as the nation's No. 4 performance among prep competitors in 2022.

Lincoln has volunteered on behalf of the local parks and recreation department. "The best way to describe him is that he is a unicorn," said Oakland Mills High School coach Chris Brewington. "He's a stellar athlete on the track and a great human off the track. I think his best quality is his humility."

Lincoln has maintained a 3.73 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to run on scholarship at Virginia Tech 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Lincoln IV joins recent Gatorade Maryland Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Baidy Ba (2020-21, Oakland Mills High School), Ashton Allen (2019-20, Bullis School), Andre Turay (2018-19, Bullis School), and Kieran McDermott (2017-18, Bel Air 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, Lincoln IV 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. Lincoln IV 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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