

**HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 **Pierce Seigne** of **Hanover High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Seigne is the third Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Hanover 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 Seigne 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, Seigne 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 5-foot-11, 160-pound senior captured the 1600-meter run at the New England Interscholastic Championships this past season with a time of 4:07.09, which broke the meet record as well as the New Hampshire state record, and ranked as the nation's No. 11 performance among prep competitors in 2022. Seigne won the 800 at the state Meet of Champions in 1:55.17 and took the 1600 in 4:17.40. He also won both events at the Division 2 state meet, and capped his season with a sixth-place finish in the mile at the Nike Outdoor Nationals.

Also a talented singer and leader of his school's Environmental Club, Seigne has served on Hanover's School Council and has volunteered on behalf of a middle school track team. "Being the fastest miler in the history of New Hampshire is a stunning accomplishment," said Hanover coach Steve McConnell. "A year ago, his personal record was 4:43, but he worked all summer, all winter and this spring and lowered that by 36 seconds, which is very impressive."

Seigne has maintained a 3.43 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to run on scholarship at Elon University (N.C.) 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.

Seigne joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Jeremiah Swett (2020-21, Phillips Exeter Academy), Conor Seleny (2019-20, Pinkerton Academy), Jacob Winslow (2018-19, Exeter High School), and Billy Powers (2017-18, Winnacunnet 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, Seigne 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. Seigne 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.