

**LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW JERSEY 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 **Greg Foster** of **Lawrenceville School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade New Jersey Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Foster is the first Gatorade New Jersey Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Lawrenceville 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 Foster as New Jersey'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, Foster 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-2, 185-pound senior won two national titles at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor this past season. Foster soared a state-record 51 feet, 0.75 inches to win the triple jump, which ranked as the nation's No. 2 performance among prep competitors in 2022. He captured the long jump with a leap of 25-6.25, while also ranked No. 2 nationally and puts him at No. 2 on the all-time New Jersey list, trailing only Olympic legend Carl Lewis. This past winter, he won both the long jump and triple jump at the Nike Indoor Nationals.

Foster has served as a peer tutor in his school and has volunteered locally on behalf of a food bank. "When Greg arrived on campus his freshman year, he was brimming with potential," said Lawrenceville coach Ian Mook. "We felt that if he could stay healthy and train hard, he could be great. He worked and worked and, despite obstacles, he became so much more than we ever could have imagined at that first practice."

Foster has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete at Princeton University 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.

Foster joins recent Gatorade New Jersey Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Shamali Whittle (2020-21, Nottingham High School), Liam Murphy (2019-20, Allentown High School), Sean Dolan (2018-19, Hopewell Valley Central High School), and Nickolas Mirabelli (2017-18, Rancocas Valley Regional 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, Foster 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. Foster 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.

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