

**DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TEXAS 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 **Pierre Goree** of **Duncanville High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Goree is the first Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Duncanville 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 Goree as Texas' 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, Goree 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-1, 208-pound senior sprinted to the Class 6A state championship in the 100-meter dash this past season, breaking the tape in 10.22 seconds, which ranked as the nation's No. 4 performance among prep competitors in 2022. Goree also ran the second leg on the 4x100 relay, which won in 39.98, the fastest time in the nation this year and No. 5 in U.S. prep history. He won a national championship in the 100 at the Nike Outdoor Nationals in 10.36 while leading the 4x100 quartet to a first-place finish as well. His wind-aided, season-best time of 10.08 seconds in the 100 ranked as the No. 1 all-conditions time in the country in 2022.

Also a football standout, Goree has served as a mentor at his church and volunteered locally on behalf of a youth track program. "Pierre is a born leader, who leads with his actions more than his words," said Duncanville coach Clayton Brookins. "His ability to get others to follow him led directly to an historic season for the Duncanville track team this season."

Goree has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at Southern Methodist 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.

Goree joins recent Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Bryce Foster (2020-21, Taylor High School), Devon Achane (2019-20, Marshall High School), Matthew Boling (2018-19, Strake Jesuit College Preparatory), and Tre'Bien Gilbert (2017-18, Judson 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, Goree 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. Goree 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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