

**RAINIER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 **Jeremiah Nubbe** of **Rainier High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Washington Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Nubbe is the first Gatorade Washington Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Rainier 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 Nubbe as Washington'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, Nubbe 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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-3, 230-pound senior won national championships in the hammer and discus throws at the Nike Outdoor Nationals this past season. Less than a week later, Nubbe took bronze in the hammer and fourth in the discus at the USATF Under-20 National Championships. Nubbe's personal-best hammer throw of 245 feet, 5 inches at the Evergreen Hammer Meet ranked No. 2 nationally among prep competitors in 2022 at the time of his selection as well as No. 8 in high school history. His personal-best discus effort of 207-4 ranked No. 3 in the country this spring. He also won the discus and hammer and took second in the javelin at the Class 2B state meet, leading the Mountaineers to the team title.

The president of the SkillsUSA Club at Rainier High, Nubbe is an experienced welder who has helped install signs in several community parks around Rainier. He has also volunteered locally with the Rainier Education Foundation Scholarship program. "What separates Jeremiah from other great throwers is his work ethic, attention to detail and intelligence," said Josh Frunz, head coach of Rainier High School. "His work ethic in the weight room, practice ring and (reviewing video) is outstanding. His passion for the sport is going to take him far."

One of three valedictorians at Rainier High, Nubbe has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Texas 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.

Two-time winner Nubbe joins recent Gatorade Washington Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Trey Knight (2019-20, 2018-19, & 2017-18, Ridgefield 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, Nubbe 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. Nubbe 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.