

**KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS-KAPALAMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 30, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Tatum Moku** of **Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Moku is the first Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama 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 Moku as Hawaii's best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Moku 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-5 junior broke the state record in the pole vault this past season, clearing 13 feet, one inch to win the event at the Division 1 state meet. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Track & Field Player of the Year, Moku also won state titles in the 100-meter high hurdles, with a time of 15.18, and the long jump, with a leap of 18 feet. She took fourth in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

Moku has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and with youth track programs. "Tatum was determined and worked hard in the pre-season, at a time when no athletic venues were available to high school students due to COVID restrictions," said Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School coach David Friedemann. "She trained in the weight room, ran hills in her neighborhood and found creative ways to improve in the pole vault. There were many trips to a nearby park where she would practice drills with an old pole and a makeshift slide box."

Moku has maintained a 3.50 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Moku joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Chenoa Frederick (2019-20, 2018-19, & 2017-18, Kamehameha Schools-Hawaii), 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, Moku 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. Moku 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.