

**NEWTON SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 **Amelia Everett** of **Newton South High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Everett is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Newton South 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 Everett as Massachusetts' 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, Everett 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-10 junior earned All-American honors at the Nike Outdoor Nationals with a state-record time of 2:06.19 in the 800-meter run this past season. Everett's clocking ranked No. 9 nationally among prep girls competitors in 2022 at the time of her selection. She also swept the 800 and mile runs at the Division 1 state meet, and the state's Meet of Champions, where her mile time of 4:49.31 ranked No. 38 in the country.

Everett was selected to participate in a three-month leadership and community service program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this spring. A member of the Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math club at Newton South, she has volunteered locally with Habitat for Humanity and as a youth soccer referee. "Amelia was a great competitor and made everyone in her races faster," said Hanna Bruno, head coach of Concord-Carlisle High School. "Winning both the 800 and the mile definitely shows how remarkable she was this season. She was truly impressive and fun to watch."

Everett has maintained an A average 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.

Everett joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Ellie Shea (2020-21, Belmont High School), Makayla Paige (2019-20 & 2018-19, Tewksbury Memorial High School), and Samantha Friborg (2017-18, Acton-Boxborough 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, Everett 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. Everett 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.