

**CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 28, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Iyonna Codd** of **Centennial High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Nevada Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Codd is the sixth Gatorade Nevada Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Centennial 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 Codd as Nevada'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, Codd joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jasmine Moore (2018-19, Lake Ridge High School, Texas), Sydney McLaughlin (2016-17, 2015-16 & 2014-15, Union Catholic High School, N.J.), and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa).

The 5-foot-4 junior won Class 5A state titles in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter events this past season and ran for the Bulldogs' second-place 4x400-meter relay quartet. Codd set state records by clocking a wind-legal 11.61 seconds in the 100 and a 23.62 in the 200. She also broke the tape with the fastest all-conditions 100 performance in Nevada prep history clocking a wind-aided 11.46. She ranked in the top 45 nationally in the 100, 200 and 400 among girls prep competitors in 2023.

Codd has volunteered locally helping her grandparents with feeding the unhoused in addition to mentoring youth track athletes in her community. She is also an accomplished hair stylist. "In a long line of great performances by Centennial athletes at the Class 5A state meet, Iyonna Codd delivered one of the most impressive showcases in meet history by sweeping all three sprint events," said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. "Nevada hasn't seen an athlete with the range and strength of Codd in a half-decade, as she's already set state records in the 100 and 200, and will have her sights set on the 400 all-time mark during her senior season."

Codd has maintained a 3.34 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.

Codd joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Zoey Bonds (2021-22, Centennial High School), Ajanae Cressey (2020-21, Sierra Vista High School), and Ashley Moore (2019-20 & 2018-19, Centennial High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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.