

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

**CHICAGO** (June 28, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Camden Bentley** of **Lincoln High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Ohio Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Bentley is the first Gatorade Ohio Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Lincoln 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 Bentley as Ohio’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, Bentley 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-7 senior won the 100-meter hurdles title at New Balance Nationals in 13.41 seconds and took seventh in the 400 hurdles this past season. Bentley captured Division 1 state titles in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles, leading the Lions to the team title. She also ran a leg for the title-winning 4x400 relay quartet as well as with the 4x200 relay foursome, which finished second. She set a state record by clocking a 13.27 in the 100 hurdles during the state meet prelims, which ranked No. 5 nationally among girls high school competitors in 2023. She was ranked in the top 35 in the country in three events this spring.

A former gymnast who also sings and dances for Gahanna’s Show Choir, Bentley also speaks Chinese. She has volunteered locally as a youth track mentor in addition to helping fundraising efforts for Lincoln athletics. “The driving force behind Lincoln’s run to back-to-back Division 1 state championships has been Camden Bentley, who excelled again in the biggest moments, both individually and as part of relays,” said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. “Bentley is one of the elite all-around athletes in Ohio prep history and the most dynamic sprint hurdler ever to compete in the state, capturing the 100 hurdles title at New Balance Nationals.”

Bentley has maintained a 3.97 weighted GPA. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at the University of Kentucky 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.

Bentley joins recent Gatorade Ohio Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Kenna Stimmel (2021-22, Margaretta High School), Paige Floriea (2020-21, Mentor High School), Taylor Ewert (2019-20, Beavercreek High School), and Olivia Howell (2018-19, Solon 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](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).