

**MOSES BROWN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE RHODE ISLAND 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 **Sophia Gorriaran** of **Moses Brown School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Gorriaran is the first Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Moses Brown 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 Gorriaran as Rhode Island'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, Gorriaran 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 state's three-time returning Gatorade Girls Track & Field Player of the Year, the 5-foot-7 senior won the New Balance Nationals Outdoor title in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:04.09 and ranked No. 4 nationally among girls prep competitors in 2023. The owner of 13 state records (six outdoors, seven indoors), she also won state titles in the 800 and 1500 this spring. Gorriaran also clocked all-time top 10 indoor performances in the 500, 600, 800 and 1000 meters as well as the mile in 2023 and was the No. 1 prep girl nationally in all five events.

Also an All-American lacrosse player who competes in both sports during the spring season, Gorriaran has volunteered locally as a youth track coach as well as for both her church and a metropolitan elementary school in a high-need area. She has also donated her time feeding people in need at a food bank. "Sophia Gorriaran is not only one of the most versatile athletes in Rhode Island prep history, but also the state's most decorated competitor on the track," said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. "Gorriaran graduates with 13 state records and constitutes one of the best high school middle-distance runners in history."

Gorriaran has maintained a 3.99 weighted GPA in the classroom. She will attend Harvard University this fall, where she will compete in cross country and track and field.

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.

Four-time winner Gorriaran joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Annika Kelly (2018-19, Barrington 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.

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