MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATOR ADE HAWAII GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 25, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Destiny Look** of **Mid-Pacific Institute** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Look is the first Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Mid-Pacific Institute.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Look as Hawaii's best high school girls track & field athlete. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Sanya Richards-Ross (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fla), Sydney McLaughlin (2016-17, 2015-16 & 2014-15, Union Catholic High School, N.J.) and Angelina Napoleon (2022-23, Allegany-Limestone Central School, N.Y.).

The 5-foot-11 sophomore hurdler, jumper and sprinter won the state title in the 300-meter hurdles while taking second in the 100 hurdles and high jump this past season. Look also took third in the long jump and eighth in the 200, leading the Owls to a fifth-place finish at the state meet. She competed in the USA Track and Field Hawaii Developmental Meet for 13 to 16-year-olds, where she won the 100 hurdles, long jump and shot put.

An avid surfer, Look has volunteered locally with her club track team, coaching younger hurdlers, raking the long jump pits and helping out in other ways four to five days a week. "Destiny is a great talent mixed with an incredible work ethic," said Jeremy Honold, head coach at Hanalani Schools. "This year, she really impressed by expanding her skillset to multiple events and becoming a top contender in multiple events. What stands out is her competitive spirit, plus her discipline to be fundamentally sound. She has taken a big step this year by focusing on the technique to go from great to superstar."

Look has maintained a 3.49 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Look joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Tatum Moku (2022-23, 2021-22, & 2020-21, Kamehameha Schools Kapalama High School) and Chenoa Frederick (2019-20, Kamehameha Schools Kapalama High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.