

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEVADA 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 **Iyonna Codd** of **Centennial High School** is the **2023-24 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 celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Codd as Nevada’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 state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-4 senior sprinter set state records in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes at the Class 5A Southern Region meet this past season. Codd’s winning time of 53.02 seconds in the 400 ranked No. 9 nationally among girls prep competitors this spring, while her 200 time of 23.43 seconds ranked No. 17. Her 11.41 clocking in the 100 at the region meet was wind-aided. Codd also won all three events in addition to anchoring the winning 4x400-meter relay quartet at the Class 5A state meet, leading the Bulldogs to their 11th team title in 12 years. She took fifth in the 400 at the Brooks PR Invitational and 10th in the 400 at Nike Outdoor Nationals.

A talented singer and a member of the Centennial High school choir, Codd has volunteered locally as a youth track coach and mentor. “Iyonna has been a transformative addition to the Centennial High track and field program,” said Roy Sessions, head coach of Centennial High School. “As talented as she is, she understood the mission: To retain a legacy of excellence.”

Codd has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Miami 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.

Two-time winner 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, Centennial 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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.