

**BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE ALASKA BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 27, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **A'Lante Owens-Player** of **Bartlett High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Alaska Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Owens-Player is the fifth Gatorade Alaska Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Bartlett 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 Owens-Player as Alaska’s best high school boys track & field player. 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 Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Va.), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Grant Fisher (2014-15 & 2013-14, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.).

The 6-foot-3, 165-pound senior jumps specialist won two individual events at the Division I state championships this past season, leading the Golden Bears to the team title. Owens-Player won the long jump title with a leap of 22 feet, 5.75 inches and the triple jump title with a leap of 46-1. He also took fourth in the triple jump at Nike Outdoor Nationals, where he set a state record with 48-7.5 effort, earning All-American honors in the process.

A National Honor Society member, Owens-Player has volunteered locally on behalf of an annual food drive. He has also participated in student government. “There were several impressive performances this year, but A'Lante went undefeated in long and triple jump during the high school season, setting school and a state record in the process,” said Rafael Echavarria, a coach with the Alaska Running Academy. “He definitely has a bright future.”

Owens-Player has maintained a 4.16 weighted GPA in the classroom. He will attend the University of Oregon this fall and hopes to make the track and field team as a walk-on.

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.

Owens-Player joins recent Gatorade Alaska Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Matthew Rongitsch (2022-23, Colony High School), Daniel Abramowicz (2021-22, West Valley High School) and Tristian Merchant (2020-21 & 2019-20, Anchorage Christian 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](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 X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).