

**ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 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 **Jake Odey-Jordan** of **Archbishop Carroll High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Odey-Jordan is the fourth Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Archbishop Carroll 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 Odey-Jordan as District of Columbia’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, 180-pound sophomore sprinter won the national championship in the 200-meter dash this past season at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor. Odey-Jordan’s winning time of 20.55 seconds set a state record and ranked No. 3 nationally among prep competitors this spring. He also shared in a national championship at NBNO and earned All-American honors by running the second leg on Archbishop Carroll’s winning 4x200-meter relay team. He became an All-American for a second time when Carroll’s 4x100 relay foursome that he ran with placed third.

Odey-Jordan has volunteered locally with the Humane Rescue Alliance protecting animals and on behalf of the Archbishop Carroll Food Pantry. He has also donated his time with the Special Olympics in addition to serving as a member of his school’s student council. “Jake Odey-Jordan is everything a coach could ask for,” said Rafiu Bakare, head coach of Archbishop Carroll High School. “He is a phenomenally ferocious athlete who seems to find such strength deep within to overcome his competitors. Some may doubt their own resolve, but he’s the total opposite, thriving on his grit and tenacity.”

Odey-Jordan has maintained a 3.89 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his junior year of high school 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.

Odey-Jordan joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Nyckoles Harbor (2022-23, 2021-22, & 2020-21, Archbishop Carroll High School) and Luke Tewalt (2019-20, Washington Latin Public Charter 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).