BULLIS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATOR ADE MARYLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 27, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Quincy Wilson** of **Bullis School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Maryland Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Wilson is the third Gatorade Maryland Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Bullis 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 Wilson as Maryland'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 5-foot-9, 140-pound sophomore raced to a U18 world record in the 400-meter dash this past season, crossing the line with a time of 44.59 seconds in the semifinals at this month's U.S. Olympic Trials. Wilson also broke the tape at New Balance Nationals, clocking a meet-record time of 45.13 in the 400 to earn All-American honors. At the Beach Run Invitational in early April, Wilson won the 800 with a personal-best time of 1:50.44, which ranked as the nation's No. 29 mark among prep boys this spring. He was named the Washington Post's 2024 All-Met Athlete of the Year for boys track.

An active member of the Bullis School's Black Student Union, Wilson has volunteered locally with the Wayman Good Hope African Methodist Episcopal Church. He has also assisted with an effort to donate athletic shoes in association with the church's youth group. "While we have a lot of talented athletes in Maryland, I don't think it's close," said Maryland MileSplit editor Zack Dickerson. "He's the best 400 runner in the nation and has the range to run everything from the 100 to the 800 at an elite level."

Wilson has maintained an A average in the classroom. He will begin his 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.

Wilson joins recent Gatorade Maryland Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Tinoda Matsatsa (2022-23, St. Andrew's Episcopal School), Judson Lincoln IV (2021-22, Oakland Mills High School), Baidy Ba (2020-21, Oakland Mills High School) and Ashton Allen (2019-20, Bullis 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>.