

ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE VERMONT 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 **Andrew Thornton-Sherman** of **St. Johnsbury Academy** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Thornton-Sherman is the fifth Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Johnsbury Academy.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Thornton-Sherman as Vermont'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-7, 140-pound junior distance talent and hurdler broke the tape in the 1500-meter run and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at the Division 1 state meet this past season, leading the Hilltoppers to a fourth-straight state title. He also ran the anchor leg on the winning 4x400-meter relay quartet. Thornton-Sherman's winning time of 3:54.67 in the 1500 ranked No. 11 nationally among prep competitors this spring. He set a state record in the 800 at New Balance Nationals Outdoor with a time of 1:50.64, which ranked No. 36 nationally. He is the 12th Gatorade winner to be coached by the late Arlan 'Chip' Langmaid, who presided over the St. Johnsbury boys and girls track and cross country programs for 35 years before passing away earlier this month.

The class president at his school, Thornton-Sherman is also president of the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability committee and heads the National Honor Society chapter's environmental committee. A certified lifeguard, he has volunteered locally at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, N.H. and as a youth track coach. "Andrew is such a force in everything he does," said Katie White, head coach of Essex High School. "He's a teammate you want to have because he will sacrifice his personal gain for the betterment of the team. Andrew has tenacity and you know when he steps on the line, he's going to go hard and make it a race."

Thornton-Sherman has maintained an A average in the classroom. He will begin his senior 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.

Thornton-Sherman joins recent Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Matthew Servin (2022-23, Champlain Valley Union High School), Evan Thornton-Sherman (2021-22, St. Johnsbury Academy) and Wyatt Lamell (2021-20 & 2019-20, Essex 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.