

MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 16, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Sadie Krueger** of **Moanalua High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Cross Country Player of the Year**. Krueger is the first Gatorade Hawaii **Girls Cross Country** Player of the Year to be chosen from Moanalua High School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Krueger as Hawaii’s best high school girls cross country athlete, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Jordan Hasay (2008-09, Mission College Preparatory Catholic High School, Ca.), Katelyn Tuohy (2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20, North Rockland High School, N.Y.) and Addison Ritzenhein (2023-24, Niwot High School, Co.).

The 5-foot-4 freshman won the state meet this past season with a time of 18:04.22, breaking the tape 15.51 seconds ahead of her next-closest competitor and leading the Na Menehune to eighth place as a team. Krueger took sixth at the Foot Locker West Regional Championships to earn First Team All-Region honors and become the first Hawaiian girl in 20 years to qualify for the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships. She finished 36th at nationals.

Krueger has volunteered locally by working the concession stand at Moanalua High football games and by serving as a marshal at middle school cross country meets. “Sadie had an awesome year, especially as a freshman,” said Stan Roth, head coach of Kalaheo High School. “She really went for it and never backed down in a race. Her trademark was to go out fast and hard and most of the time lead for the whole race. She was not afraid of pushing a hard pace.”

Krueger has maintained a 3.86 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her sophomore 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 across 12 different high school sports - 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.

Krueger joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Cross Country Players of the Year Kekaihalali Halpern (2023-24, Hilo High School), Zola O'Donnell (2022-23, Mililani High School), Kaylee Volner (2021-22, Seabury Hall) and Emily Naylor (2020-21, Kalaheo 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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 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 Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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