

**ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MARYLAND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 13, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Caleb Tenney** of **St. Vincent Pallotti High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Maryland Boys Cross Country Player of the Year**. Tenney is the first Gatorade Maryland Boys Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Vincent Pallotti 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 Tenney as Maryland's best high school boys cross country athlete, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Lukas Verzbicas (2009-10 & 2010-11, Carl Sandburg High School, Illinois), Edward Cheserek (2012-13, St. Benedict's Preparatory School, New Jersey) and Daniel Simmons (2022-23 & 2023-24, American Fork High School, Utah).

The 5-foot-11, 150-pound senior set a meet record in winning the Maryland Private School State Championships Large School Division race this past season with a time of 15:41.3, breaking the tape 7.4 seconds ahead of his next-closest competitor and leading the Panthers to 10th place finish as a team. Tenney also won the Maryland Independent Athletic Association Class C Conference Championships by nearly two minutes. He finished 49th at the Nike Cross Southeast Regional Championships.

A member of the Pallotti High School drumline, Tenney is a lifeguard at the Montpelier Community Association Pool. He has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and a school retreat leader, and he has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church youth group. “We all saw Caleb when he was a freshman and sophomore and knew he had talent,” said Chris Cucuzzella, head coach of Loyola Blakefield School. “Since then, he has developed even more. One thing that impresses me is his tenacity. He’s always the one to push the pace and is never scared to race with an athlete he has lost to before.”

Tenney has maintained a weighted 4.47 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to attend Johns Hopkins University, where he will run cross country and track, beginning 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.

Tenney joins recent Gatorade Maryland Boys Cross Country Players of the Year James Partlow (2023-24, Governor Thomas Johnson High School), Antonio Camacho-Bucks (2022-23 & 2021-22, Centennial High School) and Jake Gelfand (2020-21, Severna Park 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.

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