GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ALASKA BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 25, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Robbie Annett of Grace Christian School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Alaska Boys Track & Field Player of the Year.

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 Annett as Alaska's best high school track & field athlete, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Va.), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Christian Miller (2023-24, Creekside High School, Fl.).

The 6-foot-1, 145-pound senior middle distance and distance talent swept the 800-, 1600- and 3200-meter events at the Division 2 state meet this past season, leading the Grizzlies to second place as a team. At the Palmer Invite in May, Annett clocked a season-best time of 4:19.69 in the 1600 and dropped a personal-best 9:26.16 in the 3200, which ranked No. 1 in the state in 2025. A two-time Alaska Gatorade Boys Cross Country Player of the Year, he captured seven individual state titles across indoor and outdoor track in his prep career.

Annett has volunteered locally on behalf of his church group and as a youth coach for elementary school-aged athletes. "There is a long history of rivalry between my school and Grace Christian—kind of like competing siblings," said Mountain City Christian Academy head coach Serge Duchatellier. "I have followed Robbie since middle school. He has always been an amazing athlete. It was a given that Grace Christian was going to score a ton of points with him. Our team needed to plan to score points in other events. I am not surprised that Robbie would be considered for this award. He is a strong, passionate runner with great instincts and drive."

Annett has maintained a 3.23 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete for Liberty University (Va.) 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 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.

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 <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>, Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.

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