WESTFORD ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 **Ryan Kyle** of **Westford Academy** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Massachusetts 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 Kyle as Massachusetts' 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, 185-pound senior hurdler set a state record in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles at the state Meet of Champions this past season and his time of 51.72 seconds ranked No. 9 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring. Kyle won the 400 hurdles, 110-meter high hurdles and the decathlon at the Division 1 state meet, leading the Ghosts to a 13th-place finish as a team. He concluded his spring by taking ninth in the 400 hurdles at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor.

Kyle has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and as a youth football and basketball coach. "Ryan is the athlete every coach dreams of having: talented, driven and never satisfied," said Philip Archambault, head coach of Westford Academy. "All are terrific attributes, but his ability to bring others along and make them a critical part of the team is what makes him one to watch."

Kyle has maintained a 3.27 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at the University of Rhode Island 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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