

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEBRASKA 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 **Juan Gonzalez** of **Fremont High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Nebraska 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 Gonzalez as Nebraska'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 5-foot-8, 135-pound senior distance talent won the 2-mile run at the Brooks PR Invitational this past season, clocking a state-record time of 8:47.06, which ranked No. 1 nationally among boys prep competitors this spring. Gonzalez also swept the 800-, 1600- and 3200-meter events at the Division A state meet, leading the Tigers to second place as a team. A two-time Gatorade Cross Country Player of the Year, he broke the tape with a state-record time of 4:03.08 in the 1600 at May's Heartland Athletic Conference Championship—an effort that ranked No. 6 nationally at the time of his selection. He capped his spring by earning All-American honors with a fifth-place finish in the mile run at Nike Outdoor Nationals.

Gonzalez has volunteered locally as part of community-beautification projects and as a youth track coach. "Juan is an unbelievably special athlete," said Kyle McMahon, head coach of Papillion-LaVista South High School. "You knew he was going to dominate every race he was in and there wasn't much you could do about it. He is the best distance runner our state has ever seen."

Gonzalez has maintained a 3.44 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at the University of Oregon 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.

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, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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