

CRATER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON 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 **Josiah Tostenson** of **Crater High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Oregon 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 Tostenson as Oregon'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-10, 130-pound senior distance runner won Class 5A state titles in the 800- and 1500-meter events, leading the Pilots to third place as a team. Tostenson also took silver in the mile at the HOKA Festival of Miles with a time of 3:59, which ranked No. 2 in the nation among boys prep competitors this spring. He finished second in the 3,200 at the Arcadia Invitational in 8:40.95, which ranked No. 3 nationally.

Tostenson has volunteered locally assisting the elderly in various household endeavors. He has also donated his time to multiple school fundraisers. "Josiah Tostenson presented distance fans with a season for the ages," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "Winning nearly every time out, he always knew how to put on a show. He ended the season among the nation's Top 15 boys in the 800, the mile and the 3,200."

Tostenson has maintained a 3.01 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete for the University of Washington 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](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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