## MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 24, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Destiny Look** of **Mid-Pacific Institute** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Hawaii Girls 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 Look as Hawaii's best high school girls track & field athlete, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Sanya Richards (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fl.), Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17, Union Catholic High School, N.J.) and Angelina Napoleon (2022-23, Allegany-Limestone Central School, N.Y.).

The 6-foot junior hurdler, jumper and sprinter won three state titles this past season and set personal-best marks in five events, leading the Owls to third place as a team at the state meet. In addition to breaking the tape in the 100 and 300 hurdles and winning the long jump, Look also placed in two other individual events—third in the 200 and fourth in the high jump—and anchored Mid-Pacific's sixth-place 4x100 relay quartet. The state's returning Gatorade State Player of the Year, she clocked a PR of 42.28 in the 300 hurdles at the prestigious Arcadia Invitational and came away with bronze in that event's heptathlon. At the ILH Championships, she soared a personal-best 18 feet, 7.75 inches and cleared a personal-best 5-7 in the high jump.

Look has volunteered locally on behalf of the Hawaii Humane Society in Honolulu, caring for shelter animals and serving as a foster owner for dogs. She has also donated her time to coaching and mentoring youth athletes at her track club. "Destiny took her talent to another level this year," said Jeremy Hanold, head coach at Hanalani School. "You can see it's not just natural progression, but that she rounded into a more complete athlete by taking on multiple disciplines. It's exciting to see her determination and will on the track and in the field events."

Look has maintained a 3.61 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school in the 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 studentathletes, 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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