

PORTER-GAUD SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 24, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Brett Jones** of **Porter-Gaud School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade South Carolina 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 Jones as South Carolina'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 5-foot-8 senior throws specialist swept the shot put, discus and javelin at the South Carolina Independent Schools Association Division 1 State Meet this past season, leading the Cyclones to second place as a team. At the Porter-Gaud Home Meet on March 19, Jones launched a personal-best javelin effort of 166 feet, 6 inches which ranked No. 1 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring. She won a national championship at the Adidas Track Nationals and is a four-time SCISA state champion in the javelin.

Jones is a Porter-Gaud Service Leader, guiding her fellow students in various projects throughout her community, including donating her time with veterans, the elderly and at an animal shelter. "Brett is an elite athlete who dominates on the runway or in the throwing circle," said Austin Miller, head coach of Academic Magnet High School. "The thing that really impressed me about Brett is that even though she won every meet she attended, she never acted like the champion or had a me-first attitude. It was refreshing to see an athlete willing to make the sport better rather than just dominate, collect your medal and leave."

Jones has maintained a 3.74 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at the University of Tennessee 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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