

**REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TEXAS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (July 2, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jasmine Montgomery of Reagan High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Montgomery is the first Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Reagan High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Montgomery as Texas' best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Montgomery joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa), Allyson Felix (2002-03, Los Angeles Baptist High School, Calif.), Robert Griffin III (2006-07, Copperas Cove High School, Texas), Grant Fisher (2013-14 & 2014-15, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.) and Candace Hill (2014-15, Rockdale County High School, Ga.).

The 5-foot-5 senior ran the fastest 100-meter dash in state history and also broke the tape in the 200-meter dash at the Class 6A state meet this past season, leading the Rattlers to second place as a team. Montgomery clocked a wind-aided time of 11.09 seconds to win the 100, surpassing the similarly wind-aided record set by US Olympic Trials champion Sha'Carri Richardson in June. That time, and her winning effort of 22.94 in the 200, ranked as the nation's No. 1 performances among 2021 prep girls competitors. She also anchored the second-place 4x100 relay foursome at the state meet. She won the 100 at this year's adidas Boost Boston Games in 11.27, which ranked as the No. 4 wind-legal U20 time in the world this year.

Montgomery has volunteered within her school system's Peer Assistance Leadership program, mentoring at-risk elementary school students. "Jasmine is a student of the sport, stopping at nothing to improve herself and her craft," said Reagan coach Jen McHugh. "She embraces competition with positivity and tenacity."

Montgomery has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship 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 that sanction high school 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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Montgomery joins recent Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Brynn Brown (2019-20, Guyer High School), Jasmine Moore (2018-19 & 2017-18, Lake Ridge High School), and Kynnedey Flannel (2016-17, Alvin High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Montgomery has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Montgomery is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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