

**PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ARKANSAS 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 **Gabbie Bishop** of **Providence Classical Christian Academy** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Arkansas 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 Bishop as Arkansas' 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-5 junior distance talent won a national title and set a state record in the 3200-meter run at the RunningLane Track Championships this past season, and her time of 10:07.97 ranked No. 17 nationally among girls prep competitors this spring. Bishop also won four individual state titles at the Class 3A state meet in the 400-, 800-, 1600- and 3200-meter runs, leading the Patriots to the team championship. She earned All-American status at Nike Outdoor Nationals with a sixth-place finish of 9:28.87 in the 3000-meter run, which ranked No. 10 nationally, while her season-best mile clocking of 4:42.54 at Track Night in NYC ranked No. 20.

The founder of her school’s chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bishop serves on the PCCA Student Athletic Leadership Team. She has volunteered locally as a youth track coach and has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church congregation. “Gabbie can be summed up in one word: Unbelievable,” said Cody Fortner, head coach of Episcopal Collegiate High School. “I got to witness Gabbie run three times this season and each time I was left stunned at just how dominant an athlete she is. Her performance at the 3A state meet was absolutely incredible.”

Bishop has maintained a weighted 4.30 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to compete at the University of Arkansas beginning in the fall of 2026.

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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