

## GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA 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 **Dana Wilson** of **Greensboro Day School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade North 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 Wilson as North 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-7 senior sprints specialist clocked statewide season-bests in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and won two individual state titles to lead the Bengals to second place at the NCISAA state meet this spring. At the Pepsi Relays, Wilson broke the tape in the 200 in 22.45 seconds, which ranked No. 2 nationally among prep girls competitors in 2025, No. 6 in U.S. high school history and No. 3 worldwide among U20s. At the Aggie Invite, she won the 100 in 11.02, the No. 1 prep clocking nationally in 2025 and No. 5 in high school history.

A Greensboro Day School Paws for Service member, Wilson has volunteered locally with Backpack Beginnings, providing food, clothing and emotional comfort for children in need. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through the Grace Community Church congregation. "The globe's fastest teenage half-lap talent in the dashes this past season came from one of America's smaller schools," said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack.com. "One of fewer than 300 students in the upper school, Dana Wilson continued to make headlines to join some of the sport's greats on national all-time lists."

Wilson has maintained a 3.72 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](https://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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