

## GRASSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE VIRGINIA 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 **Kaitlyn Bullock** of **Grassfield High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Virginia 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 Bullock as Virginia'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 thrower earned double All-American status at New Balance Nationals Outdoor this past season, taking third in the shot put and fourth in the discus throw. Bullock won both events at the Class 6 state meet as well, and her discus throw of 162 feet, 3 inches ranked No. 12 nationally among girls prep competitors this spring. The 2025 New Balance Nationals Indoor champion in the shot, her personal-best outdoor showing of 50-3 in the event at the Class 6, Region A Championships ranked No. 6 nationally.

Bullock has volunteered locally as a youth track coach. "Kaitlyn is a special athlete," said Leroy Harper, head coach of Grassfield High School. "She has grown tremendously over the past four years. Her hard work and dedication to the sport and to her craft is evident in her success."

Bullock has maintained a weighted 3.41 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at Florida State University 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://instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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