

**CEDARBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 **Charlize-Trinity McKenzie** of **Cedarburg High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Wisconsin 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 McKenzie as Wisconsin’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-6 junior middle distance and distance talent swept the 800- and 1600-meter events at the Division 1 state meet this past season, and her time of 4:45.48 in the 1600 ranked No. 24 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring. McKenzie’s personal-best 2:06.63 in the 800 at the Glenn Loucks Games ranked No. 24 nationally. She earned All-American status in the 800 with a sixth-place finish at the Nike Outdoor Nationals, and she also took fourth in the 1500-meter run at the USATF Under-20 National Championships.

McKenzie has volunteered locally as a mentor and director at the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center. A member of her school’s chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she has also donated her time with Mel’s Charities and as a coach with Cedarburg High School Unified sports teams supporting athletes with intellectual and physical challenges. “Charlee had a dynamic season,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. “She showed great strength in the middle distances and really shined in adverse weather conditions at both the U20s and Nike nationals.”

McKenzie has maintained a 4.02 weighted GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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](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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