

**SIERRA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Xavion Staton** of **Sierra Vista High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Staton is the first Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sierra Vista High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Staton as Nevada’s best high school boys basketball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes LeBron James (2002-03 & 2001-02, St. Vincent – St. Mary High School, Ohio), Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.) and Jayson Tatum (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.).

The 7-foot-1, 200-pound junior center led the Mountain Lions to a 23-9 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Staton averaged 13.8 points, 14.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocks per game and was a First Team All-Desert League selection. He participated in a U.S. Men’s Basketball Junior National Team minicamp last fall, and he’s ranked as the No. 22 recruit in the Class of 2025 by 247Sports and Rivals.

Staton has volunteered locally as a Sierra Vista school ambassador and has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church youth group. “Xavion is a formidable opponent who poses a great challenge to any team,” said Kiara Atkins, head coach of Amplus Academy. “His hardworking nature means that he is consistently striving to improve his skills, making him a versatile and well-rounded player.”

Staton has maintained a weighted 4.03 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his 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 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Staton joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Players of the Year Dedan ‘DJ’ Thomas (2022-23, Liberty High School), Darrion Williams (2021-22, Bishop Gorman High School) and Jaden Hardy (2020-21 & 2019-20, Coronado High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

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, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 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 Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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