

**IOLANI SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 15, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Elena Oglivie of Iolani School as its 2018-19 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year. Oglivie is the third Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Iolani School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Oglivie as Hawaii's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Oglivie joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahler High School, Iowa), Alisha Glass (2005-06, Leland Public High School, Mich.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.) and Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.).

Also the 2016-17 Gatorade State Player of the Year, the 5-foot-10 junior outside hitter led the Raiders to a 28-6 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Oglivie amassed 499 kills and 332 digs to go with 37 blocks and 19 service aces, posting a kill percentage of .379. The 2016 PrepVolleyball.com National Freshman of the Year, Oglivie set a state final record with 28 kills in the championship match. A two-time Honolulu Star-Advertiser Player of the Year, she concluded her junior year with 1,407 kills and 1,166 digs in her prep volleyball career.

Oglivie has volunteered locally with an elementary school literacy outreach campaign, and she has donated her time as a youth volleyball coach and referee. "Elena was crucial to her team's success," said Luis Ramirez, head coach of Maryknoll High. "Elena is the only prolific attacker Iolani has and she was able to win [the state title]."

Oglivie has maintained a 4.0 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 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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Two-time winner Oglivie joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year Lexis Akeo (2017-18, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Bailey Choy (2015-16, Iolani School), McKenna Granato (2014-15, Punahou School), and Alohi Robins-Hardy (2013-14, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Oglivie has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of her choosing. She is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.