

BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TENNESSEE VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 13, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Shaye Eggleston of Brentwood High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year**. Eggleston is the fifth Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood High 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 Eggleston as Tennessee'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, Eggleston joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahlert 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.).

The 6-foot-1 junior outside hitter led the Bruins to a 54-3 record and the Class AAA state championship this past season. Eggleston amassed 856 kills, 444 digs, 87 service aces and 80 blocks. A two-time All-State honoree, she was selected District 12 MVP and was named a MaxPreps Second Team All-American.

Eggleston has served as a tutor and has volunteered locally as a student leader at her church. "Shaye Eggleston is a strong server, serve receiver and defender, and obviously a fierce and rangy attacker," said Hannah Asafo-Adjei, head coach at Harpeth Hall School. "She can vary her shots and angles around the block and stays composed in tight matches."

Eggleston 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.

Eggleston joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Players of the Year Alyiah Wells (2018 – 19, Briarcrest Christian School), Nicklin Hames (2017-18, Webb School of Knoxville), Logan Eggleston (2016-17, Brentwood High School), Lauren Dorrell (2015-16, Father Ryan High School), Gabby Gray (2014-15, Baylor School), and Hunter Thompson (2013-14, Brentwood High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Eggleston 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.

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