

ARROWHEAD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 **Aubrey Hamilton of Arrowhead High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year**. Hamilton is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Arrowhead 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 Hamilton as Wisconsin'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, Hamilton 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-2 senior outside hitter led the Warhawks to a 41-3 record and the Division 1 state championship this past season. Hamilton compiled 552 kills, 284 digs, 45 blocks, 44 assists and 24 service aces while posting a kill percentage of .544 and a hitting percentage of .433. A three-time First Team All-State selection, Hamilton was the 2018 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Player of the Year. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,974 kills and 1,039 digs.

Hamilton has volunteered locally with the Best Buddies Program and is a peer mentor for students with special needs. She has also donated her time at the Waukesha Women's Center and as a youth volleyball coach. "Aubrey is very talented, especially offensively," said Cory Rabe, head coach of Menomonee Falls High. "When she is out there you have to key in on her, and that opens the net up for the rest of her team. She can score out of the front or back row so she is always a threat."

Hamilton has maintained a 3.73 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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.

Hamilton joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Players of the Year Maddie Koch (2018 – 19, Ashwaubenon High School), Brooke Andersen (2017-18, Lake Country Lutheran High School), Mariah Whalen (2016-17, Newman Catholic High School), M.E. Dodge (2015-16, East Troy High School), Carly Townsend (2014-15, Germantown High School), and Simone Lee (2013-14, Menomonee Falls High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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