

ANCHORAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ALASKA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 6, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Destiny Reimers of Anchorage Christian School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Alaska Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Reimers is the first Gatorade Alaska Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Anchorage Christian 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 Reimers as Alaska's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Reimers joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Maya Moore (2005-06 Collins Hill High School, Ga.), Rashanda McCants (2004-05, Asheville High School, N.C.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), Diana Taurasi (1998-99 & 1999-00, Don Antonio Lugo High School, Calif.), Shyra Ely (1999-00, Ben Davis High School, Ind.), Katie Smith (1991-92, Logan High School, Ohio) and Lisa Leslie (1988-89, Morningside High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-9 senior guard had led the Lions to a 21-1 record at the time of her selection. Reimers averaged 18.0 points, 8.0 rebounds, 5.8 assists and 2.9 steals through 22 games. A three-time First Team All-State honoree, she was also the Region 3 MVP.

Reimers has volunteered assisting the elderly in Alaska Native communities. "Destiny Reimers is an incredible player and has been for four years," said Sondra Lundvick, head coach at Sitka High. "She's a strong ball-handler with a great shot, but she can also defend. She's a big reason why Anchorage Christian is the best team in the state in any classification."

Reimers has maintained a 3.98 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks 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 and field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Reimers joins Gatorade Alaska Girls Basketball Players of the Year Alissa Pili (2018-19, 2017-18 & 2016-17, Dimond High School), and Ruthy Hebard (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, West Valley High School), as athletes who have won the basketball award since its inception in 2007.

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