

BISHOP GUERTIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 **Erin Carney of Bishop Guertin High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Carney is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Guertin 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 Carney as New Hampshire'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, Carney 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-5 senior guard led the Cardinals to an 18-3 record and a berth in the Division I state tournament quarterfinals at the time of her selection. Carney averaged 16.7 points, 3.3 assists, 3.0 steals and 2.0 rebounds through 21 games as the Cardinals pursued their fifth straight state title. A 2018-19 First Team All-State selection, Carney was the 2018-19 Nashua Telegraph Player of the Year. She entered the state tournament with 1,118 career points.

Carney has volunteered locally on behalf of fundraising campaigns to benefit ALS research, and she has donated her time as a youth basketball coach. "I think the dominance Erin Carney has had is unmatched," said Courtney Cheetham, head coach of Merrimack High. "Since stepping on the court as a ninth-grader, she has done nothing but lead BG to state titles. She is a 1,000-point scorer, but is also easily one of the top defenders in the league. Good two-way players are hard to find."

Carney has maintained a 3.87 GPA in the classroom. She remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Carney joins Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Players of the Year Brooke Kane (2018-19, Pinkerton Academy), Angelique Ngalakulondi (2017-18, Proctor Academy), Liv Orlando (2016-17, Tilton School), Becca Ripley (2015-16, New Hampton School), Maddy Springfield (2014-15, Conant High School), and Aliza Simpson (2013-14, Londonderry 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," Carney 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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