

GEORGETOWN DAY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Caycee Chhum of Georgetown Day School is the 2025-26 Gatorade District of Columbia Volleyball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Chhum as District of Columbia's best high school volleyball player, and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Kerri Walsh Jennings (1995-96, Archbishop Mitty High School, CA), April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, CA) and Campbell Flynn (2024-25, Mercy High School, MI).

The 5-foot-7 junior setter led the Mighty Hoppers to a 22-1 record and a third-straight DCSAA Tournament championship this past season. Chhum amassed 665 assists and 112 digs, including a 36-assist effort in Georgetown Day School's 3-0 win over Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in the DCSAA final. The Washington Post All-Met Player of the Year, she is a two-time DCSAA First Team All-State selection.

Chhum has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and as a math and English tutor for elementary school students. She has also donated her time with Semi Sweet Services, a non-profit that bakes treats in partnership with Food Rescue US to distribute baked goods to local social service agencies. "Caycee is a dynamic setter who brings tremendous energy, passion and competitive fire to every match," said Perette Arrington, head coach of Jackson-Reed High School. "As the setter and clear quarterback of the team, she sets the tone for Georgetown Day School's offense and overall tempo of play."

Chhum has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the winners in each sport.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://www.x.com/Gatorade).

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