

## SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE IDAHO VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Bellamie Beus of Skyview High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Idaho 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 Beus as Idaho'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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-10 senior outside hitter put down 547 kills with a hitting percentage of .325 this past season, leading the Hawks (29-6) to the Class 6A state title. Beus is ranked as the nation's No. 17 recruit in her class by PrepDig and was an AVCA First Team All-American selection. A three-time First Team All-State honoree, she recorded 224 digs, 45 service aces and 40 blocks in her final prep campaign.

Beus has participated in a humanitarian trip to Brazil in association with Liga Solidaria, engaging in a mentorship role with children at an orphanage. Since returning, she has organized the delivery of sports equipment to the orphanage and launched a fundraiser on its behalf a year ago. "Bellamie embodies elite athletic performance and true competitive excellence," said Michelle Dodds, Owyhee High School head coach. "She sets a standard that few athletes can match. She is a physical, high-impact player who influences every part of the game. She can attack to any area of the court and her ability to see and read the court is exceptional. She doesn't just play the game, she elevates it, raising the performance of her teammates each time she steps onto the court."

Beus has maintained a weighted 3.51 GPA in the classroom. Taking advantage of NCAA early signing rules, Beus inked a financial-aid agreement that paved the way for her to enroll at the University of Kentucky, where she will play volleyball. She graduated from high school in December and will attend classes in the spring semester.

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](http://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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