

CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Bailey Sinish of Carroll High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Indiana 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 Sinish as Indiana'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-11 senior outside hitter led the Chargers to a 37-0 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Sinish compiled 557 kills and 219 digs including a 17-kill, 11-dig effort in Carroll High School's 3-0 win over Plainfield High School in the state final. She also tallied 62 service aces, 47 blocks and 24 assists while posting a .531 kill percentage and a .421 hitting percentage. The state's Miss Volleyball winner and an American Volleyball Coaches Association Second Team All-American selection, she concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,808 kills and 854 digs.

Sinish has volunteered locally with the Community Harvest Food Bank and as a youth volleyball coach. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. "Bailey is an elite-level player who is extremely humble and unselfish," said Trish Miller, head coach of Concordia High School. "She is everywhere on the court, comes up with big play after big play and also somehow stabilizes the team."

Sinish has maintained an unweighted 4.06 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play volleyball at Indiana University Indianapolis 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, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X (Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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