

## NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 Sasha Selivan of Newton North High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Massachusetts 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 Selivan as Massachusetts' 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-9 junior setter amassed 693 assists, 189 digs and 185 kills this past season, leading the Tigers (22-3) to the Division 1 state championship match. Selivan also recorded 89 service aces and 27 blocks while posting a .427 kill percentage. A two-time Bay State Conference Division 1 Player of the Year, she is a three-time All-State selection.

Selivan has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach. "Sasha is a really special player," said Nile Fox, head coach of Newton North High School. "When she's on the court I know she will keep the team's energy up. Sasha puts the team before herself and has been the heart of the team for the last three years."

Selivan has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play volleyball at Colgate University beginning in the fall of 2027.

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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