

BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MONTANA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Nula Anderson of Bozeman High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Montana 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 Anderson as Montana'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 6-foot-2 senior outside hitter led the Hawks (24-5) to the Class AA tournament semifinals this past season, recording 436 kills and 219 digs. A two-time First Team All-State selection, Anderson compiled a hitting percentage of .315 and added 49 blocks to earn 2025 Eastern AA Player of the Year honors. Also a two-year varsity basketball starter, she concluded her prep career with 1,017 kills.

Anderson has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball instructor and coach. A two-year member of the school choir, she is also developing a clothing line for tall young-adult women. Anderson has served as an advocate for constructive policy and culture change within the school district to improve awareness, protections and dialogue with regard to racism. "Nula Anderson is truly one of the top players in the state," said Lindsey Day, head coach at Helena High School. "She plays six rotations and opposing teams consistently struggle when she is at the net."

Anderson has maintained a 3.96 GPA in the classroom. Taking advantage of NCAA early signing rules, Anderson inked a financial-aid agreement that paved the way for her to enroll at West Virginia University, 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 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.

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