

## **WEBSTER SCHROEDER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW YORK 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 Maddie Siphakongviseth of Webster Schroeder High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade New York 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 Siphakongviseth as New York'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-4 senior libero amassed 662 digs for an average of 5.6 per set and led the Warriors (37-4-1) to Class AA state championship this past season. Siphakongviseth also recorded 123 assists and 63 service aces to earn First Team All-State honors. She was named Class AA, Division 1 Player of the Year and Libero of the Year.

Siphakongviseth has volunteered locally with multiple youth training programs through her volleyball club, VolleyFX. She has also donated her time organizing the Volley 4 Hearts charity tournament, which raised more than \$1,900 for the American Heart Association. "Maddie is a once-in-a-lifetime player," said Trish Forgensi, head coach at Fairport High School. "She plays in a position that doesn't get recognized with stats like others, but there is truly no libero who can do what she does. The kid is just so good at her position and as a team player."

Siphakongviseth has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play volleyball at Robert Morris University 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](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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