

**ADRIENNE C. NELSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 9, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Madi Andrews of Adrienne C. Nelson High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Oregon 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 Andrews as Oregon'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-1 senior outside hitter amassed 550 kills and 253 digs this past season, leading the Hawks (23-3) to the Class 6A state quarterfinals. Andrews also recorded 51 service aces, 37 blocks and 30 assists while posting a .510 kill percentage and a .348 hitting percentage. A two-time First Team All-State selection and the 2025 Mount Hood Conference Player of the Year, she concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,848 kills and 1,037 digs.

Andrews has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through the National Charities League, for which she has served as a member of the grade-level executive board for six years. She has also donated her time as a youth volleyball coach. "Madi plays the game with power, tempo and finesse, defined by a sharp volleyball IQ and exceptional court vision," said Lisa McBee, head coach of Nelson High School. "She is a complete player with rare awareness and command on the court. She sees the game a step ahead of everyone else."

Andrews has maintained a 3.60 GPA in the classroom. Taking advantage of NCAA early signing rules, Andrews inked a financial-aid agreement that paved the way for her to enroll at Michigan State 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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