

MORGANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WEST VIRGINIA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Leah Greeny of Morgantown High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade West Virginia 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 Greeny as West Virginia'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 sophomore outside hitter led the Mohigans (37-5-1) to the Class 4A state title this season, recording 357 kills, 208 digs and 91 service aces. A 2025 AVCA All-Region selection, Greeny compiled a hitting percentage of .344 as her team's most efficient terminator. She received both First Team All-State and an All-Tournament recognition.

Greeny has participated in multiple community service initiatives as a member of the YoungLife ministry and she has donated her time as a youth volleyball coach. "Greeny is a fantastic hitter, front row and back, and plays quality defense," said Tammy Zimmerman, head coach at Philip Barbour High School. "She's right there with the best players in the state."

Greeny has maintained a 3.12 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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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