

## OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE LOUISIANA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 13, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Caroline Bradley of Oak Grove High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Louisiana Girls Basketball 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 Bradley as Louisiana's best high school girls basketball player, and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, IL) Paige Bueckers (2020-21, Hopkins High School, MN) and Aaliyah Chavez (2024-25, Monterey High School, TX).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-5 junior center averaged 27.0 points and 16.9 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Tigers (27-4) to the Division III Non-Select Tournament semifinals. Bradley also averaged 3.4 blocks, 2.4 assists and 1.4 steals. A two-time Class 2A First Team All-State selection, she is ranked as the nation's No. 3 recruit in the Class of 2027 by ESPN. She concluded her junior year with 2,431 points and 1,670 rebounds in her prep basketball career.

A member of the leadership team for her local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bradley has volunteered locally at a food distribution center and as a youth softball umpire. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. "Caroline's size gives opposing teams nightmares," said Caroline Oliphant, head coach of Sterlington High School. "It's nearly impossible to keep her off the boards. She also has the ability to go outside and hit shots, which makes her very versatile."

Bradley has maintained a weighted 4.11 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior 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](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://x.com/Gatorade).

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