

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MAINE GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 13, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Maddie Provost of Lawrence High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Maine 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 Provost as Maine’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 5-foot-9 senior guard averaged 27.1 points, 9.4 rebounds and 4.3 assists this past season, leading the Bulldogs (17-5) to a Class B state championship. A two-time state champion, Provost scored 19 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in Lawrence’s comeback win over Oceanside in the state final. Provost was named the Class B North tournament MVP and was a finalist for Maine’s Miss Basketball award. She’s ranked as New England’s No. 16 prospect in the Class of 2026 by Prep Girls Hoops.

Provost has volunteered locally with Lawrence’s Unified Basketball team, which pairs youth athletes with intellectually challenged peers in celebration of sport. She’s also donated her time as a youth basketball coach and official. “Provost is arguably one of the best players I have seen over my 15 years of coaching,” said Andy Pooler, head coach of Ellsworth High School. “We typically would play Lawrence in the preseason and I remember her as a freshman making a huge difference. Fast-forward to her senior year, she single-handedly took over the fourth quarter against us in the semis after we held her in check for three. She stayed steady throughout and, just like elite-level players do, she flipped a switch and she instantly took over.”

Provost has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the College of the Holy Cross 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](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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