

PROVIDENCE ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MINNESOTA 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 Maddyn Greenway of Providence Academy is the 2025-26 Gatorade Minnesota 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 Greenway as Minnesota’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).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-8 senior point guard had led the Lions to a 23-4 record this season and the No. 1 seed in the Class 2A state tournament. The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, Greenway entered the postseason averaging 36.2 points, 9.2 assists, 6.9 rebounds and 6.3 steals per game while surpassing 1,000 points in a season for the fourth straight year – the first player in state history to achieve that feat. A McDonald’s All-American Game selection, she now owns state records for career points, with 5,505 and counting, breaking the previous record of 5,485. She also owns the state mark for career assists with 1,304.

Greenway has volunteered locally with Letters of Love, a student club that writes letters and cards to children suffering from illness and to military members serving overseas. She has also donated her time to the REACH Program at Hutchinson High School, which helps students learn skills to overcome adversity. “What makes her special is her competitiveness and athleticism,” said Ron Reichle, head coach at Arrowhead High School (Wisc.). “She is strong and fast and she uses these skills to get a shot or make a great pass. I was really impressed how she played within the team concept, but whenever they need a bucket, rebound, an assist or a steal, she just does it.”

Greenway has maintained a 3.72 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the University of Kentucky 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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