

STUART W. CRAMER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA 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 Oshauna Holland of Stuart W. Cramer High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade North Carolina 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 Holland as North Carolina’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-8 senior point guard averaged 34.0 points and 8.5 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Storm (28-2) to the Division 4A state quarterfinals. Holland also averaged 7.4 steals and 7.1 assists and recorded five triple-doubles, including one game with 51 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists. The 2025 Charlotte Observer Player of the Year, she concluded her prep basketball career with a state-record 3,252 points.

A member of the Cramer High School English Honors Society and Beta Club, Holland has volunteered locally through her school’s Chik-Fil-A Leadership Club. “Oshauna is a fierce competitor on both ends of the floor,” said Tanetta Mutz, head coach of Lincolnton High School. “She does an amazing job defensively—causing havoc and oftentimes turning her defensive stops into offensive plays.”

Holland has maintained a weighted 3.80 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Wake Forest University 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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