

WESTTOWN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 Jordyn Palmer of Westtown School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Pennsylvania 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 Palmer as Pennsylvania'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 two-time returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-2 junior guard and forward averaged 23.2 points, 13.2 rebounds and 6.4 assists per game this past season, leading the Moose (28-2) to the Pennsylvania Independent Athletic Association Tournament championship game. A four-time PAISAA First Team All-State selection, Palmer also averaged 3.3 steals and 2.5 blocks. She's ranked as the nation's No. 6 recruit in the Class of 2027 by both ESPN and 247Sports, and concluded her junior year with 1,746 points and 894 rebounds in her prep basketball career.

A member of her school's Black Student Union, Palmer has volunteered locally at the Lighthouse Youth Center in Oxford. "Jordyn has taken her game to another level," said La'Keisha Sutton, head coach at the George School. "She's doing more than driving to the basket. Her ability to get to her mid-range pull-up was phenomenal and she's added a consistent 3-point shot to her toolbox."

Palmer has maintained a B average 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 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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