

BRADLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 Kimora Fields of Bradley Central High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Tennessee 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 Fields as Tennessee’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 6-foot senior wing had led the Bears to a 32-0 record and a berth in the Class 4A state quarterfinals. Fields averaged 32.4 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3.3 steals, 2.6 assists and 1.1 blocks through 32 games. The 2025 Class 4A Miss Basketball winner, Fields was also the 2025 Chattanooga Times Free Press Best of Preps Player of the Year and the 2023 Class 4A state tournament MVP. She entered the state quarterfinals with a school-record 3,024 points in her prep basketball career.

A member of the Bradley Central High School student council, Fields has volunteered locally with the Salvation Army and with Ashley Lauren’s Closet, a children’s consignment store. “Kimora is a tough player,” said Bianca Hensley, head coach of Cleveland High School. “She’s a matchup nightmare. With Bradley Central losing four out of five starters, she has still carried her team to [an undefeated] record.”

Fields has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Clemson 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, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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