

BRENNAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TEXAS 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 Bella Flemings of Brennan High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Texas 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 Flemings as Texas’ 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 6-foot senior guard/forward led the Bears (33-5) to the 6A-Division I state semifinals this past season. Flemings averaged 18.9 points, 10.2 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 2.0 steals and was selected to play in the McDonald’s All-American Game. She’s ranked as a Top 15 recruit in the Class of 2026 by ESPN, 247Sports and PrepGirlsHoops. She concluded her prep career with 2,504 points and 1,068 rebounds.

The sister of Kingston Flemings, the 2024-25 Texas Boys Basketball Gatorade Player of the Year, Flemings has volunteered locally on behalf of Thrive Ministry, which empowers women globally, and the San Antonio Food Bank. She has also donated her time teaching basketball to underserved children in association with The Basketball Embassy. “Bella Flemings is the best player I have personally seen or coached against in all my years of high school basketball,” said Marshall High School head coach Brendan Frost. “Her combination of size and technical skills is unmatched.”

Flemings has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Duke 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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