

**PRINCESS ANNE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VIRGINIA 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 Micah Ojo of Princess Anne High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Virginia 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 Ojo as Virginia’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-1 junior wing had led the Cavaliers to a 27-0 record and a berth in the Class 5 state championship game as Princess Anne pursued a fourth straight state title. Ojo averaged 16.8 points, 9.3 rebounds, 2.8 assists, 2.7 steals and 2.6 blocks through 27 games. A two-time Class 5 Player of the Year, she has been a member of the USA Basketball Under-16 Women’s National Team and is a three-time Class 5 state championship game MVP.

Ojo has volunteered locally as an organizational officer with the TIDE Coalition, a group that focuses on inclusivity in the Virginia Beach public schools. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society. “Micah is an outstanding player and a great person,” said Brook Parker, head coach of Kellam High School. “She can score inside and out. She’s very athletic and long. She’s a great defender and tough to defend.”

Ojo has maintained a weighted 4.20 GPA 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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