

GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WEST 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 Jeriyah Pryor of George Washington High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade West 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 Pryor as West 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 5-foot-8 junior guard had averaged 20.2 points, 7.2 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 3.1 steals per game this past season, leading the Patriots (22-1) to the Class 4A state quarterfinals. Pryor shot 47 percent from the field and compiled a True Shooting Percentage of 56.5 through 22 games. A two-time All-State honoree entering this season, she led her club team to the Under Armor Association 15U title in 2022. She is ranked as the state’s No. 2 recruit in her class by PrepHoopsGirls.

Pryor has volunteered as a YMCA youth sports counselor and on behalf of the Annual Family Night at Mount West Community and Tech College. “Pryor is just an absolute gamer of a player,” said Chris Murray, head coach at Parkersburg High School. “Such a soft-spoken player off the court who we have tremendous respect and admiration for. She is the focal point of our scouting reports and what we do centers on attention to her. She can take the game over immediately.”

Pryor has maintained a 3.72 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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