

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ARIZONA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 20, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Cameron Williams of St. Mary's Catholic High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Arizona Boys 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 Williams as Arizona's best high school boys basketball player, and he's also been selected as a finalist for the distinguished Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced later this month. Williams joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, MO), Cooper Flagg (2023-24, Montverde Academy, FL) and Cameron Boozier (2022-23 & 2024-25, Christopher Columbus High School, FL).

The 7-foot, 210-pound senior forward averaged 24.6 points and 12.0 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Knights (23-7) to the Open Division state tournament championship game. A 2026 McDonald's All-American Game selection and a member of Team USA for the Nike Hoop Summit, Williams also averaged 2.9 assists, 2.8 blocks and 1.7 steals. A semifinalist for the Naismith Award, he's ranked as the nation's No. 3 recruit in the Class of 2026 by ESPN and 247Sports.com.

Williams has volunteered locally with Feed My Starving Children and has donated his time to the Dia de los Muertos event at St. Mary's Basilica. "Cam embodies what the ideal modern frontcourt prospect looks like with his ability to stretch the floor, finish with power and cover ground with such ease," said Matt McKay, Pro Insight Founder & CEO. "He plays the game the right way and has consistently added layers to his own game throughout high school."

Williams has maintained a weighted 3.23 GPA in the classroom. He 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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