

## **ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Anthony Brown of Archbishop Carroll High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade DC 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 Brown as District of Columbia’s best high school boys basketball player, and he 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 Boozer (2022-23 & 2024-25, Christopher Columbus High School, FL).

The 6-foot-2, 170-pound senior guard averaged 27.9 points and 5.4 assists per game this past season, leading the Lions (23-13) to the semifinals of both the Washington Athletic Catholic Conference and DCSAA Class AA tournaments. Brown also averaged 4.1 rebounds and 2.2 assists while scoring 1,005 points in 36 games. A First Team All-WCAC selection, he’s ranked as the nation’s No. 74 recruit in the Class of 2026 by 247Sports.com.

Brown has volunteered locally running basketball clinics for underprivileged youth. “Anthony is a lethal playmaker with elite scoring instincts,” said Matt McKay, Pro Insight Founder & CEO. “He thrives when the lights are the brightest.”

Brown has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Vanderbilt 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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