

## **BREWSTER ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Antonio Pemberton of Brewster Academy is the 2025-26 Gatorade New Hampshire 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 Pemberton as New Hampshire’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).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-1, 180-pound junior guard had led the Bobcats to a 30-6 record and a berth in the Chipotle Nationals, scheduled for early April. Pemberton averaged 17 points, five assists, 3.6 rebounds and 1.8 steals through 30 games while shooting 53.1 percent from the floor and 40.1 percent from beyond the arc. Pemberton’s 16.3 points per game in the Nike EYBL Scholastic League ranked 10th among all scorers on the circuit. An Adidas 3SSB All-American while playing for Mass Rivals, he is ranked as the nation’s No. 38 prospect in the Class of 2027 by 247Sports and No. 60 prospect by ESPN.

Pemberton has volunteered locally with the St. Francis Church in Lawrence, Mass. He has also participated in a walk for the Jimmy Fund Foundation and works at his local YMCA in the summertime. “Pemberton stepped into a bigger role at Brewster this season and excelled with a larger responsibility as the Bobcats’ lead guard against the best competition in the country,” said Steve Hewitt, editor of the New England Basketball Journal. “He’s one of the most mature scorers I’ve seen in New England with his ability to get to his spots, and he thrives in the mid-range. He’s the best guard prospect in New England’s 2027 class.”

Pemberton has maintained a 3.1 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his 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](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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