## SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 13, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Alexis Haury of Silverton High School is the 2022-23 Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year. Haury is the first Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Silverton High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court, distinguishes Haury as Oregon's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Haury joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners, including Lexi Sun (2016-17, Santa Fe Christian School, Calif.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.), Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.) and April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, Calif.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-10 junior setter and outside hitter recorded 340 assists, 303 digs and 175 kills this past season, leading the Foxes (23-5) to the Class 5A state quarterfinals. Haury also compiled 56 service aces and 14 blocks on the year, posting a .431 kill percentage and a .350 hitting percentage on the attack. Ranked as the nation's No. 4 recruit in the Class of 2024 by PrepDig.com, she was the 2022 Mid-Willamette Conference Player of the Year.

Haury has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and as a youth volleyball coach. "Alexis is an amazing athlete," said Reilly Rosecrans, head coach of Silverton High School. "She pushes herself and fellow teammates to succeed and constantly improve. She puts in countless additional hours of strength training to better herself outside of practice."

Haury has maintained a 4.27 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Washington beginning in the fall of 2024.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. 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 state winners in each sport.

Two-time winner Haury joins recent Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Players of the Year Daley McClellan (2020-21, Canby High School), Izzi Szulczewski (2019-20, Mountainside High School), and Rose Booth (2018-19, Jesuit High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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 Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and Twitter at <u>twitter.com/Gatorade</u>.