

SIDWELL FRIENDS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 8, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jadyn Donovan of Sidwell Friends School is the 2022-23 Gatorade District of Columbia Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Donovan is the fourth Gatorade District of Columbia Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sidwell Friends 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 Donovan as District of Columbia's best high school girls basketball player. Now one of three finalists for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Donovan joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Kiki Rice (2021-22, Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D.C.), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minn.), Nneka Ogwumike (2007-08, CyFair High School, Texas), and Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Ill.).

The 6-foot senior wing had led the Quakers to a 26-3 record and a berth in the DCSAA Tournament semifinals at the time of her selection. Donovan averaged 15.0 points, 8.2 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 2.1 steals and 1.1 blocks per game through 29 games. A finalist for the Naismith Girls Basketball National Player of the Year award, Donovan is a McDonald's High School All-American Game selection and a member of the Nike Hoop Summit Team USA squad.

A founding member of the Jr. NBA Court of Leaders mentorship program, Donovan has volunteered locally with the Dupont Park Adventist School as well as with the Allegheny East Conference as part of a project to distribute back-to-school supplies to families in need. She has also donated her time on behalf of the Prince George's County Department of Social Services and she's an active member of her school's Black Student Union. "Jadyn is an all-around player," said Andre Foreman, head coach of St. Andrew's Episcopal School. "She does everything for Sidwell. The thing I love most about Jadyn is she plays defense, rebounds and sacrifices her game for the sake of the team. She has the potential to take over the game at any given moment when it's needed."

Donovan has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Duke University this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) 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.

Donovan joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Girls Basketball Players of the Year Kiki Rice (2021-22 & 2019-20, Sidwell Friends School) and Azzi Fudd (2020-21 & 2018-19, St. John's College 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).