

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MARYLAND VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 15, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Jenaisya Moore of Northwest High School as its 2018-19 Gatorade Maryland Volleyball Player of the Year. Moore is the first Gatorade Maryland Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Northwest 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 field, distinguishes Moore as Maryland'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, Moore joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahler High School, Iowa), Alisha Glass (2005-06, Leland Public High School, Mich.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.) and Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.).

The 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter led the Jaguars to an 18-1 record and their fourth consecutive state championship this past season. The state's two-time returning Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year, Moore recorded 285 kills, 399 digs and 23 blocks. The Washington Post All-Met Player of the Year, she named an All-American by PrepVolleyball.com.

A devoted member of her church community, Moore has volunteered locally on behalf of the Salvation Army and youth volleyball programs. "Whatever kind of block you try to put up, whatever defense you play, Jenaisya Moore can see it, read it and overcome it," said Rebecca Ronquillo, head coach at Damascus High School. "We have to change the way we play, just because of her. She can really, really jump, she knows where to place the ball and she makes everything look effortless."

Moore has maintained a 4.04 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Ohio State 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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Three-time winner Moore joins Gatorade Maryland Volleyball Players of the Year Megan McTigue (2015-16, Academy of the Holy Cross), Liz Twilley (2014-15, Oakdale High School), and Sydney Biniak (2013-14, Howard High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Moore has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of her choosing. She is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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