

**JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 Rose Booth of Jesuit High School as its 2018-19 Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year. Booth is the fifth Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Jesuit 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 Booth 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, Booth joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahlert 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 6-foot-1 senior outside hitter led the Crusaders to a 31-4 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Booth slammed 405 kills to go with 205 digs, 34 blocks and 32 service aces, posting a kill percentage of .490 and a hitting percentage of .363. The Oregonian's 2018 Player of the Year, Booth was also the Player of the Match in the state final. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,013 kills and 560 digs.

Booth has volunteered locally as a youth tutor and with the Special Olympics. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through the National Charity League. "Rose is an amazing all-around player and her presence means a lot on the floor," said Katy Wilson, head coach of Aloha High School. "She is a great volleyball player."

Booth has maintained a weighted 3.97 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Loyola Marymount 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.

Booth joins recent Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Players of the Year Chloe Brown (2017-18, Southridge High School), Kathryn Decker (2016-17, Jesuit High School), Nicole Peterson (2015-16, Jesuit High School), Payton Rund (2014-15, West Albany High School), and Hannah Troutman (2013-14, Crook County High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Booth 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.