

**KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS KAPALAMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE
NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 8, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Kalina Obrey of Kamehameha Schools Kapalama High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Obrey is the third Gatorade Hawaii Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools Kapalama 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 Obrey as Hawaii's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Obrey joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Maya Moore (2005-06, Collins Hill High School, Ga.), Rashanda McCants (2004-05, Asheville High School, N.C.), Candace Parker (2001-02, 2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), Diana Taurasi (1998-99 & 1999-00, Don Antonio Lugo High School, Calif.), Shyra Ely (1999-00, Ben Davis High School, Ind.), Katie Smith (1991-92, Logan High School, Ohio) and Lisa Leslie (1988-89, Morningside High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-10 senior forward led the Warriors to an 18-7 record and the Division 1 state final this past season. Obrey averaged 18.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game. The Interscholastic League of Honolulu Player of the Year, she is a three-time First Team All-Conference honoree and was selected to the 2018 USA TODAY ALL-USA Hawaii Second Team.

Obrey has volunteered locally on behalf of a church thrift store and youth basketball programs. "I haven't seen a player at Obrey's position play with that array of skills and such a constant motor," said Richard Kasuya, head coach at Sacred Hearts Academy. "That's a rare combination that made her special."

Obrey has maintained a 3.63 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at San Jose 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Obrey joins Gatorade Hawaii Girls Basketball Players of the Year Cherilyn Molina (2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Konawaena High School) as athletes who have recently won the basketball award.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Obrey also 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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