

**PINKERTON ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 **Brooke Kane of Pinkerton Academy** as its **2018-19 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Kane is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Pinkerton Academy.

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 Kane as New Hampshire'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, Kane 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.) and Lisa Leslie (1988-89, Morningside High School, Calif.).

The 6-foot senior forward had led the Astros to a 19-3 record and a berth in the Division I state tournament semifinals at the time of her selection. Kane averaged 20.3 points, 7.9 rebounds, 2.3 steals, 2.1 assists and 1.3 blocks through 22 games. The 2017-18 Division I Player of the Year, Kane is a two-time First Team All-State selection. She entered the state semifinals with 1,232 points in her prep basketball career.

A member of the Future Career and Community Service leaders of America, Kane has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and as part of community beautification projects. "Brooke is not only a fluid scorer, she scores in all ways," said Courtney Cheetham, head coach of Merrimack High. "She can post you up, she can hit 3-pointers as well as anybody and she can beat you off the dribble. Brooke is unselfish, humble, hard-working and skilled."

Kane has maintained a weighted A average in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of New Hampshire beginning 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.

Kane joins Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Players of the Year Angelique Ngalakulondi (2017-18, Proctor Academy), Liv Orlando (2016-17, Tilton School), Becca Ripley (2015-16, New Hampton School), Maddy Springfield (2014-15, Conant High School), and Aliza Simpson (2013-14, Londonderry High School) as athletes who have recently won the basketball award.

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