

HOLLAND HALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 **Gabby Gregory of Holland Hall High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Gregory is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Holland Hall 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 Gregory as Oklahoma'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, Gregory 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 Dutch to a 23-4 record and a berth in the Class 4A state tournament at the time of her selection. Gregory averaged 22.8 points, 10.6 rebounds and 2.7 assists through 27 games. MVP of the Pinnacle Conference as a sophomore and junior, she has also twice been named the All-World Player of the Year by the Tulsa World.

Gregory has donated her time as a technology instructor for senior citizens and has volunteered locally assisting children with Down syndrome. "Gabby Gregory is a complete player," said Richie Henderson, head coach at Bishop McGuinness High. "She can score the basketball, defend and rebound with the best of them. She makes the teammates around her better and she plays the game the right way."

Gregory has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Oklahoma 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.

Gregory joins Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jessi Murcer (2017-18, Westmoore High School), Ana Llanusa (2016-17, Choctaw High School), Aaliyah Wilson (2015-16 & 2014-15, Muskogee High School) and Chelsea Dungee (2013-14, Preston High School) as athletes who have recently won the basketball award.

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