

SOUTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON 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 **Cameron Brink of Southridge High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Brink is the second Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Southridge 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 Brink as Oregon'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, Brink 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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-5 junior forward had led the Skyhawks to a 23-3 record and a berth in the Class 6A state tournament quarterfinals at the time of her selection. Brink averaged 20.8 points, 10.8 rebounds, 2.2 blocks, 1.5 steals and 1.0 assists through 26 games. Rated as the No. 2 recruit in the Class of 2020 by ESPN, she was a member of the USA Basketball Under-17 Women's National Team that won the gold medal at the FIBA World Cup in Belarus last July, and was the Coaches Association's Oregon State Player of the Year in 2018.

Brink has volunteered locally with special needs students and as a youth basketball coach. "Cameron's outside shot has improved tremendously and her ability to handle the ball and run the floor at her size is awesome," said Kathy Naro, head coach of Beaverton High. "She is a complete player."

Brink has maintained a 3.79 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play basketball on scholarship at Stanford University beginning in the fall of 2020.

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.

Two-time winner Brink joins Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Players of the Year Evina Westbrook (2016-17 & 2015-16, South Salem High School), Katie McWilliams (2014-15, South Salem High School), and Jaime Nared (2013-14, Westview High School) as athletes who have recently won the basketball award.

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