

CORNER CANYON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE UTAH 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 **Kemery Martin of Corner Canyon High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Martin is the first Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Corner Canyon 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 Martin as Utah'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, Martin 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-11 senior guard led the Chargers to a 21-6 record and the Class 5A state finals this past season. Martin averaged 21.7 points, 6.8 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 3.0 steals per game. The Region 7 Player of the Year as a junior, she is a three-time First Team All-State selection.

A youth leader in her church, Martin has served as a mentor for elementary school students, has raised funds to support cancer victims and has volunteered locally on behalf of a homeless shelter and a retirement community. "Kemery Martin is a complete player who brings out the best in her teammates," said Camie Oakey, head coach at Springville High. "She's smooth and she sees the floor incredibly well. She lets the game come to her."

Martin has maintained a 3.41 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Utah 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.

Martin joins Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Players of the Year Lauren Gustin (2017-18, Salem Hills High School), Taylor Moeaki (2016-17, American Fork High School), Kennedy Redding (2015-16, Bountiful High School), Lindsey Jensen (2014-15, Sky View High School), and Haley Bodnar (2013-14, Desert Hills High School) as athletes who have recently won the basketball award.

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