

## **IOLANI SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (January 13, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Elena Oglivie of Iolani School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year**. Oglivie is the third Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Iolani 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 Oglivie as Hawaii's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Oglivie joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahlert High School, Iowa), Alisha Glass (2005-06, Leland Public High School, Mich.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.) and Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.).

The 2016-17 and 2018-19 Gatorade State Player of the Year, the 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter recorded 259 kills with a .401 kill percentage and 190 digs this past season, leading the Raiders (20-8) to the Interscholastic League of Honolulu Tournament. Oglivie missed six matches in the middle of the season while helping Team USA win a gold medal in Egypt at the FIVB Girls U18 World Championships. A two-time Honolulu Star-Advertiser Player of the Year, she concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,665 kills and 1,356 digs.

Oglivie has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach and referee, and has donated her time to multiple community service activities through her school's I Club. "Elena was a dangerous and impactful player on the court," said Myles Shioji, head coach of Hawaii Baptist High School.

Oglivie has maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Stanford 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. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Three-time winner Oglivie joins Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year Lexis Akeo (2017-18, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Bailey Choy (2015-16, Iolani School), McKenna Granato (2014-15, Punahou School), and Alohi Robins-Hardy (2013-14, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Oglivie 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](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](https://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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