

## SANFORD SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DELAWARE GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (March 6, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Allie Kubek of Sanford School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Delaware Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Kubek is the fourth Gatorade Delaware Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sanford 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 Kubek as Delaware’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, Kubek 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, 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 6-foot-1 senior forward had led the Warriors to an 18-2 record and a berth in the state tournament at the time of her selection. Kubek averaged 20.2 points, 9.8 rebounds, 3.7 steals and 1.8 blocks in the regular season. She is a four-time All-Conference honoree and a three-time All-State selection.

Kubek has volunteered locally on behalf of the Food Bank of Delaware, the Salvation Army and youth basketball camps. “Kubek is such a well-rounded player who can beat you in a variety of ways,” said Paul Smith, head coach at Tatnall School. “Each year, she’s added more and more to her game. What sets her apart is her motor and how hard she plays. If you don’t put a body on her, she’ll get every offensive rebound.”

Kubek has maintained a weighted 3.52 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Towson 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 and 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.

Kubek joins Gatorade Delaware Girls Basketball Players of the Year Julie Kulesza (2018-19 & 2017-18, Conrad Schools of Science), Maggie Connolly (2016-17, Ursuline Academy), Altia Anderson (2015-16, Woodbridge High School), and Adrianna Hahn (2014-15 & 2013-14, Ursuline Academy) as athletes who have won the basketball award since its inception in 2007.

As a part of Gatorade’s cause marketing platform “Play it Forward,” Kubek 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](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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