

MOORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 6, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Aaliyah Moore of Moore High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Moore is the second Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Moore 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 Moore 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, Moore 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-3 junior forward led the Lady Lions to a 20-5 record and the Class 6A tournament at the time of her selection. Moore has averaged 21.9 points, 10.9 rebounds, 2.9 steals and 2.1 blocks while shooting .580 from the field through 25 games. Moore was a member of the 2019 USA Basketball Under-16 Women’s Team that won the gold medal at the FIBA Americas World Championship in Chile in June. She is ranked as the nation’s No. 7 recruit in the Class of 2021 by ESPN.com.

Moore donates her time to the Buddy Committee, a group of 10 students that assist and help with intellectually challenged students at school. She and her team have also volunteered locally to help feed the homeless on behalf of the Neighborhood Services Corp. “I think Aaliyah’s greatest strength is her ability to impact the game in numerous ways, whether she scores, it handles it, whatever it is,” said Rory Hamilton, head coach at Norman North High. “She’s a complete player at 6-foot-3. Most girls her size don’t have her skill set. She’s a great rebounder, too, has a nose for the ball.”

Moore has maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school in the 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.

Moore joins Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Players of the Year Gabby Gregory (2018-19, Holland Hall High School), 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 won the basketball award since its inception in 2007.

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