

## DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® ALASKA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (March 26, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Isaiah Moses of Dimond High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Alaska Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Moses is the second Gatorade Alaska Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dimond 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 Moses as Alaska's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award, Moses joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln High School, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood High School, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington High School, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Calif.).

The 6-foot, 165-pound senior guard led the Lynx to a 19-5 record at the time of his selection. Moses averaged 27.2 points, 4.9 assists and 2.3 steals during the regular season. A First Team All-State selection and the Cook Inlet Conference Player of the Year, he was MVP of the Alaska Prep Shootout and the Alaska Airlines Classic.

Moses has volunteered locally on behalf of his school's peer mentorship program as well as youth basketball camps. "Moses is a true point guard in every sense of the word," said Jeremy Arnhart, head coach at Palmer High. "He elevates everyone around him, including himself on the biggest stages. He's a long-range shooter who can create his own shot, and he sees the floor very well."

Moses has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Alaska-Anchorage this fall.

Moses joins Gatorade Alaska Boys Basketball Players of the Year Sullivan Menard (2018-19, Colony High School), Tobin Karlberg (2017-18, Grace Christian High School), Austin White (2016-17, Ninilchik High School) and Kamaka Hepa (2015-16 & 2014-15, Barrow High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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.

The 2019-2020 Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year announcement has been temporarily postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. To ensure the safety of everyone involved, The Gatorade Company will follow the guidance of experts and health officials as it determines the appropriate time to announce this year's winner.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Moses also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He 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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