

HAMPDEN ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® MAINE BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 26, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Bryce Lausier of Hampden Academy** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Lausier is the second Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Hampden Academy.

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 Lausier as Maine's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award, Lausier 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-4, 185-pound senior guard led the Braves to a 21-1 record and the Class A state championship this past season. Lausier averaged 26.1 points, 7.9 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 1.9 steals per game. The 2020 Mr. Maine Basketball honoree, he is also an All-State selection and the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Lausier is president of his class and has volunteered locally on behalf of youth basketball programs. "Bryce Lausier just does everything really well," said T.J. Maines, head coach at Cony High. "He rebounds exceptionally well for a guard, he has really good vision and he can score on all three levels."

Lausier has maintained an A average in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

Lausier joins Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Players of the Year Matthew Fleming (2018-19, Bangor High School), Terion Moss (2017-18 & 2016-17, Portland High School), Andrew Fleming (2015-16, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School), and Nick Mayo (2014-15, Messalonskee 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," Lausier 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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