

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® MISSOURI 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 **Caleb Love of Christian Brothers College High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Missouri Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Love is the first Gatorade Missouri Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Christian Brothers College 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 Love as Missouri's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award, Love 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, 202-pound senior guard led the Cadets to a 19-7 record and a berth in the Class 5 state tournament at the time of his selection. Love averaged 26.3 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.6 steals through 26 games. A two-time Metro Catholic Conference Player of the year, Love was selected to play in the McDonald's All-American Game. He entered the state tournament with 1,885 points in his prep basketball career.

A CBC student ambassador, Love has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church youth group. "Caleb is the catalyst for a very good CBC team," said Kevin Walsh, head coach of St. John Vianney High. "He has the ability to score the ball at all three levels, but what I like best about Caleb is that he makes the right basketball play."

Love has maintained a 3.29 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of North Carolina this fall.

Love joins Gatorade Missouri Boys Basketball Players of the Year Aminu Mohammed (2018-19, Greenwood Laboratory School), Torrence Watson (2017-18, Whitfield School), Jared Ridder (2016-17, Kickapoo High School), and Jayson Tatum (2015-16 & 2014-15, Chaminate College Preparatory 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," Love 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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