

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 **Jordan Geronimo of St. Paul's School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Geronimo is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Paul's 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 Geronimo as New Hampshire's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award, Geronimo 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-6, 205-pound senior forward averaged 18.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, 2.0 assists, 2.0 steals and 2.0 blocks per game this past season as the Pelicans battled to an 8-14 record. Geronimo is a two-time Lakes Region League All-Star and a 2020 All-New England Class A honoree. He is ranked as the nation's No. 90 recruit in the Class of 2020 as rated by 247Sports.com.

The head of St. Paul's Student Cultural Alliance, Geronimo helps provide a space for the school's minority population to feel comfortable. "Jordan is ultra-athletic," said Gregor Makechnie, head coach of Proctor Academy. "He's a very good shot-blocker and a solid defender. He finishes well around the rim, and he seems like a very good teammate—positive and encouraging."

Geronimo has maintained a 3.98 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Indiana University this fall.

Geronimo joins Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Players of the Year Arie Breakfield (2018-19, Spaulding High School), Max Bonney-Liles (2017-18, Alvirne High School), Joey Glynn (2016-17, Portsmouth High School), Keith Brown (2015-16, Pelham High School), and Terance Mann (2014-15, Tilton 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," Geronimo 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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