

**DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE ALASKA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 6, 2021) — In its 36<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Kadyne Osborne of Dimond High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Alaska Volleyball Player of the Year. Osborne is the fourth Gatorade Alaska **Volleyball** 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 Osborne as Alaska's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Osborne joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahlert High School, Iowa), Alisha Glass (2005-06, Leland Public High School, Mich.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.) and Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.).

The 5-foot-10 senior setter and right-side hitter led the Lynx to a 12-0 record and the Cook Inlet Conference Tournament championship this past season. Osborne compiled 314 assists, 104 digs, 50 kills, 15 blocks and 12 service aces. An Under Armour All-American nominee, Osborne was a First Team All-Region selection. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 688 assists and 334 kills.

The president of the Dimond High senior class, Osborne has volunteered locally at the Providence Alaska Medical Center, and she has also donated her time as a youth volleyball coach and official. "Kadyne is a player who makes the players around her better," said Kim Lauwer, head coach of Dimond High. "She is the first one to practice and is always prepared and organized."

Osborne has maintained a 3.63 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Eastern Arizona College this 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 & 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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Osborne joins recent Gatorade Alaska Volleyball Players of the Year Hahni Johnson (2019-20 & 2018-19, Dimond High School), Zoey Keene (2017-18, South Anchorage High School), and Brynn Sulte (2016-17, Dimond High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Osborne has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Osborne is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com), on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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