

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS - KAPALAMA STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 6, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Maui Robins of Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year**. Robins is the fifth Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama.

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 Robins as Hawaii'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, Robins joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahler 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-11 junior outside hitter led the Warriors to an 8-2 record and the Interscholastic League of Honolulu Tournament championship this past season. Robins recorded 111 kills, 80 digs, 14 blocks and 11 service aces while posting a .402 kill percentage and a .246 hitting percentage. A 2019 ILH Second Team selection, Robins compiled 228 kills and 314 digs as a sophomore, earning All-State Tournament honors as she helped the Warriors to the Division I state title. Robins has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach. "Even when we were in position to make digs off Maui's attacks, we had a really tough time controlling those attacks," said Kainoa Obrey, head coach of 'Iolani School. "She has good vision and great pop." Robins has maintained a 3.51 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Robins joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year Elena Oglivie (2019-20, 2018-19 & 2016-17, 'Iolani School) and Lexis Akeo (2017-18, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Robins has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Robins 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, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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