

**SKUTT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEBRASKA 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 Lindsay Krause of Skutt Catholic High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Nebraska Volleyball Player of the Year. Krause is the second Gatorade Nebraska Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Skutt Catholic 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 Krause as Nebraska’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, Krause 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 6-foot-4 senior outside hitter led the SkyHawks to a 36-1 record and the Class B state championship this past season. The state’s returning Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year, Krause amassed 498 kills, 259 digs, 89 service aces and 40 blocks, while posting a stellar hitting percentage of .486. Captain of both the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State Team and the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska Team, she was also selected Fall Player of the Year by VolleyballMag.com and was named both a MaxPreps First Team All-American and a 2020-21 Under Armour First Team All-American. Krause was a member of the U.S. Girls Youth National Team which won a gold medal at the 2019 World Championships.

A member of her school’s leadership council, Krause has served as a tutor in her school and has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, a nursing home and youth sports programs. “Lindsay Krause is one of the most dominant outsiders I’ve ever seen, across the board,” said Nicole Gingery, head coach at Lincoln East High.

Krause has maintained a 4.12 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Nebraska 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.

Two-time winner Krause joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Volleyball Players of the Year Marriah Buss (2018-19, Lincoln Lutheran High School), Jaela Zimmerman (2017-18, Malcolm High School), and Brooke Heyne (2016-17, Skutt Catholic High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade’s cause marketing platform “Play it Forward,” Krause has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Krause 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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