

**GILMOUR ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OHIO 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 Kathryn Randorf of Gilmour Academy as its 2020-21 Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Player of the Year. Randorf is the first Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Gilmour Academy.

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 Randorf as Ohio'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, Randorf 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 6-foot-1 junior middle blocker and outside hitter led the Lancers to a 23-1 record and the Division II state championship this past season. Randorf compiled 304 kills, 176 digs, 96 blocks and 37 service aces while posting a kill percentage of .714 and a hitting percentage of .627. A two-time News Herald Player of the Year, Randorf is ranked as the nation's No. 17 recruit in the Class of 2022 by PrepVolleyball.com. She concluded her junior year with 949 kills and 288 blocks in her career.

Randorf has volunteered locally with Gilmour Academy's Baking for Rainbows Club, which benefits the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. She has also donated her time as a youth volleyball coach. "Kathryn really is that good," said Liz Sellers, head coach of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High. "She is very strong, versatile and smart. She has the ability to take over any game."

Randorf, who was diagnosed with dyslexia in sixth grade, has maintained an unweighted 4.12 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play volleyball on scholarship at Northwestern University beginning in the fall of 2022.

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.

Randorf joins recent Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Players of the Year Emily Londot (2019-20, Utica High School), Riley Wagoner (2018-19, Dublin Coffman High School), Jonni Parker (2017-18, Miami East High School), and Shannon Williams (2016-17, Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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