

**CANBY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 Daley McClellan of Canby High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year. McClellan is the second Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Canby 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 McClellan as Oregon'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, McClellan 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 senior outside hitter recorded 256 kills and 82 digs this past season, leading the Cougars to a 6-5 record during an abbreviated season due to COVID-19. McClellan averaged nearly eight kills per set while compiling 27 service aces and 15 blocks with a .509 kill percentage and a .376 hitting percentage. The two-time Three Rivers League Player of the Year, McClellan was a two-time Class 6A First Team All-State selection. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,332 kills.

McClellan has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach. "Daley has an all-around dynamic game," said Tiffany Zwick, head coach of Tualatin High. "From her amazing back-row defense to her offensive game from the backcourt and frontcourt. Daley is just such a smart player and can mix up her game."

McClellan has maintained a 3.80 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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.

McClellan joins recent Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Players of the Year Izzi Szulczewski (2019-20, Mountainside High School), Rose Booth (2018-19, Jesuit High School), Chloe Brown (2017-18, Southridge High School), and Kathryn Decker (2016-17, Jesuit High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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