

**BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 Shaye Eggleston of Brentwood High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year. Eggleston is the sixth Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood 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 Eggleston as Tennessee'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, Eggleston 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 led the Bruins to a 38-3 record and their eighth straight Class AAA state championship this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year, Eggleston amassed 490 kills, 269 digs, 36 blocks and 36 service aces. A three-time All-State honoree, she was named a 2020-21 Under Armour Third Team All-American.

Eggleston has served as a peer tutor and has volunteered locally as a student leader at her church. "Shaye Eggleston is a strong hitter," said Warne Riker, head coach at Summit High School. "She can hit from outside, middle or right, and she has the ability to mix up her shots. She's also a good hitter from the back row."

Eggleston has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Alabama 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 Eggleston joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Players of the Year Alyiah Wells (2018-19, Briarcrest Christian School), Nicklin Hames (2017-18, Webb School of Knoxville), and Logan Eggleston (2016-17, Brentwood High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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