

**GONZAGA COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 13, 2021) — In its 36<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Trey Jamison of Gonzaga College High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade District of Columbia Football Player of the Year. Jamison is the eighth Gatorade District of Columbia Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Gonzaga College 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 Jamison as the District of Columbia's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Jamison joins an elite group of past state football award-winners, including Emmitt Smith (1986-87, Escambia High School, Fla.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Christian McCaffrey (2012-13 & 2013-14, Valor Christian High School, Colo.).

The 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior linebacker recorded 44 tackles, eight tackles for loss and three sacks this past season, leading the Eagles (5-0) to an unbeaten season. Jamison also had four pass breakups and one interception for a defense that allowed just 10.6 points per game. A three-year starter, he is a two-time First Team All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference selection.

Jamison has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple community service initiatives with his school's Onyx Club. "Trey Jamison is an incredible football player," said Aaron Brady, head coach at St. Mary's Ryken High School. "He makes plays all over the field and can definitely take over a game from a defensive perspective. It felt like he was the heart and soul of that defense and everyone rallied around him."

Jamison has maintained a 3.08 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football at the United States Naval Academy 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.

Jamison joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Football Players of the Year Rakim Jarrett (2019-20, St. John's College High School), Caleb Williams (2018-19, Gonzaga College High School), Kevin Doyle (2017-18, St. John's College High School), and Kasim Hill (2016-17, St. John's College High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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