

**CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TEXAS FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 13, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Sawyer Robertson of Coronado High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Texas Football Player of the Year. Robertson is the first Gatorade Texas Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Coronado 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 Robertson as Texas'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, Robertson 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-4, 198-pound senior quarterback passed for 4,509 yards and 58 touchdowns this past season, leading the Mustangs (12-1) to the regional finals. Robertson completed 297 of 457 passes, throwing just seven interceptions, while also rushing for 233 yards and five touchdowns on 53 carries. The All-City Offensive Player of the Year, he was an All-State and Academic All-State honoree and was named the Class 5A Built Ford Tough Player of the Year.

Also a baseball standout, Robertson has volunteered locally with multiple community service issues as a member of the National Honor Society. "Robertson is just a tremendous player and individual," said Wayne Hutchinson, head coach at Monterey High School. "He has a strong, accurate arm and he gets the ball out of his hands fast. He makes very good decisions and never panics under pressure."

Robertson has maintained a weighted 4.59 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at Mississippi State University 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.

Robertson joins recent Gatorade Texas Football Players of the Year Jaxon Smith-Njigba (2019-20, Rockwall High School), Chase Griffin (2018-19, Hutto High School), Spencer Sanders (2017-18, Ryan High School), and Shawn Robinson (2016-17, DeSoto High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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