

**NAPERVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ILLINOIS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 27, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Greta Kampschroeder of Naperville North High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Illinois Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Kampschroeder is the first Gatorade Illinois Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Naperville North 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 Kampschroeder as Illinois's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Kampschroeder joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Skylar Diggins-Smith (2008-09, Washington High School, Ind.), Nneka Ogumike (2007-08, Cy-Fair High School, Texas), Maya Moore (2006-07, Collins Hill High School, Ga.), Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), and Lisa Leslie (1989-90, Morningside High School, Calif.).

The 6-foot-1 senior guard led the Huskies to a 12-1 record this past season. Kampschroeder averaged 17.8 points, 10.1 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.9 steals. A McDonald's All-American Game selection, Kampschroeder is also a two-time Naperville Sun Player of the Year. Ranked as the nation's No. 23 recruit in the Class of 2021 by Prospects Nation, she concluded her prep basketball career with 1,745 points.

Kampschroeder has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter and food bank, and she has donated her time to the Special Olympics and as a youth basketball coach. "Greta can play any position," said Andy Nussbaum, head coach of Naperville Central High. "She has the ball-handling ability to be a point guard and she has the size and moves to be a post. She can take over a game by herself, yet she is a team player who gets everyone else involved."

Kampschroeder has maintained a weighted 4.18 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Oregon 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.

Kampschroeder joins recent Gatorade Illinois Girls Basketball Players of the Year Angela Dugalic (2019-20, Maine West High School), and Brea Beal (2018-19, 2017-18 & 2016-17, Rock Island High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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