

**CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA 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 Logan Nissley of Century High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade North Dakota Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Nissley is the third Gatorade North Dakota Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Century 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 Nissley as North Dakota'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, Nissley joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Skylar Diggins-Smith (2008-09, Washington High School, Ind.), Nneka Ogwumike (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 5-foot-10 sophomore guard led the Patriots to a 26-0 record and the Class A state championship this past season, averaging 21.4 points, 7.2 rebounds, 3.8 assists, 3.6 steals and 1.8 blocks per game. The Midco Sports Network and MaxPreps North Dakota Player of the Year, Nissley was also named Class A First-Team All-State. The No. 1 prospect in the state for the Class of 2023 as rated by Prep Girls Hoops North Dakota, Nissley set school single-season records in points (556), assists (100) and steals (93) in her second season.

Nissley has volunteered locally with the youth program at Charity Lutheran Church, and has also donated her time at local basketball camps. "Logan is probably the best all-around scorer I've seen in North Dakota girls basketball," said Jim Petrik, head coach at Legacy High School in Bismarck. "Her decision-making, her passing, they're just tremendous. She can finish around the rim, but she's an incredible perimeter shooter. ... from what I've seen, I think she could go to most local colleges and be just fine right now. That's a testament to her work ethic. She's a special kid."

Nissley has maintained a weighted 3.91 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Nissley joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Girls Basketball Players of the Year Abby Duchscherer (2019-20, Kindred High School), Lauren Ware (2018-19 & 2017-18, Century High School), and Tylee Irwin (2016-17, Wahpeton High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Nissley has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Nissley 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 www.playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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