

**MARET SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 4, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Quincy Allen of Maret School as its 2020-21 Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Allen is the second Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Maret 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 Allen as District of Columbia's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Allen joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jabari Parker (2011-12, Simeon Career Academy, Ill.) and Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.).

The 6-foot-7, 190-pound senior forward led the Frogs to a 7-5 record this past season. Allen, who averaged 22.3 points and 10 rebounds per game, was a First Team Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference selection as a sophomore and played in only nine games as a junior in 2019-20 before an injury ended his season. The MVP at the 2019 Hoophall Classic, he is ranked as the nation's No. 77 recruit in the Class of 2021 by ESPN.com.

Allen has volunteered locally with Martha's Table and DC Central Kitchen, helping children and families in need, and he has donated his time as a youth basketball coach and counselor. "Quincy Allen possesses a fluid and finesse-oriented game with a very long frame—he's a knock-down outside shooting threat," said Paul Biancardi, ESPN National Recruiting Director. "His length and quick release make him a match-up problem for opponents."

Allen has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Colorado 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.

Allen joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Players of the Year Terrance Williams (2019-20, Gonzaga College High School), Casey Morsell (2018-19, St. John's College High School), Myles Dread (2017-18, Gonzaga College High School), and Luka Garza (2016-17, Maret School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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