

**BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEW YORK BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 4, 2021) — In its 36<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jordan Riley of Brentwood High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade New York Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Riley is the first Gatorade New York Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood 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 Riley as New York'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, Riley 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-4, 190-pound senior guard led the Indians to a 6-1 record this past pandemic-shortened season, averaging 31.7 points, 6.5 assists, 5.5 steals and 3.8 blocks per game. Riley was named Mr. New York Basketball and Newsday Player of the Year. A First Team All-State honoree, he is also a two-time All-Conference and All-Long Island selection.

Riley has volunteered locally on behalf of Toys for Tots, a soup kitchen and winter clothing drives. "Riley possesses super athletic ability and can make a highlight play at a moment's notice," said Paul Biancardi, ESPN National Recruiting Director. "He's a downhill specialist who functions best when the game goes up and down. Not only can he score the ball at a high rate, he rebounds and defends with intensity."

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

Riley joins recent Gatorade New York Boys Basketball Players of the Year R.J. Davis (2019-20, Archbishop Stepinac High School), Joe Girard III (2018-19 & 2017-18, Glens Falls High School), and Hameir Wright (2016-17, Albany Academy), among the state's list of former award winners.

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