

**HERITAGE HALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 Trey Alexander of Heritage Hall High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Alexander is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Heritage Hall 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 Alexander as Oklahoma'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, Alexander 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-5, 185-pound senior guard led the Chargers to a 21-6 finish and the Class 4A state final, averaging 23.6 points, 8.7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2.1 steals per game. A three-time Super 5 selection by The Oklahoman, Alexander finished his high school career with a school-record 2,340 points along with 848 rebounds, 322 assists and 230 steals. He is ranked as the No. 55 prospect in the Class of 2021 by ESPN.

Alexander has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter during the holiday season, serving food as well as wrapping and delivering gifts. He has also donated his time at youth basketball camps and as a referee and scorekeeper for the Special Olympics. "Trey Alexander scores and shoots the ball at a high level," said Paul Biancardi, ESPN National Recruiting Director. "He can slide over and play some as a scoring point guard with terrific positional size at 6-5. He's a battle-tested and competitive player who will contribute right away (in college)."

Alexander has maintained a 3.59 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided on a collegiate destination.

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.

Alexander joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Basketball Players of the Year Bryce Thompson (2019-20 & 2018-19, Booker T. Washington High School), Mason Harrell (2017-18, Carl Albert High School), and Trae Young (2016-17, Norman North High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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