

**CANE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 Brandon Miller of Cane Ridge High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Miller is the first Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Cane Ridge 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 Miller as Tennessee'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, Miller 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-8, 185-pound junior forward averaged 24.1 points, 8.5 rebounds, 4.3 assists, 2.3 steals and 2.1 blocks per game this past season, leading the Ravens (15-1) to the Class AAA state final. Miller and Cane Ridge played only six regular-season games before winning nine straight postseason contests to reach the title match. A Class AAA All-State selection by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association, he is ranked as the nation's No. 7 recruit in the Class of 2022 by ESPN.com.

Miller has volunteered locally as part of multiple fundraising campaigns to benefit breast cancer research, and he has donated his time feeding the homeless through the Nashville Rescue Mission. "Brandon Miller is a remarkable athlete who displays wide shoulders and long arms with plenty of bounce," said Paul Biancardi, ESPN National Recruiting Director. "He is most impactful when his game goes up and down and he's attacking the rim. When it comes to completing a play, his body control and concentration is next-level."

Miller has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will begin his senior 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.

Miller joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Players of the Year Johnathan Lawson (2019-20, Wooddale High School), James Wiseman (2018-19, Memphis East High School), Darius Garland (2017-18, Brentwood Academy), and Tyler Harris (2016-17, Cordova High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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