

**MCCUTCHEON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE INDIANA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 11, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Chloe Chicoine** of **McCutcheon High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year**. Chicoine is the first Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from McCutcheon 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 court, distinguishes Chicoine as Indiana's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Chicoine joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahlert High School, Iowa), Alisha Glass (2005-06, Leland Public High School, Mich.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.) and Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.).

The 5-foot-10 junior outside hitter led the Mavericks to a 30-6 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Chicoine recorded 440 kills, 196 digs and 20 aces while posting a .429 hitting percentage. A MaxPreps First Team All-American, she was a member of the U.S. Girls U18 National Team which captured a bronze medal at September's world championships. She was also named the Journal & Courier Player of the Year and is ranked as the nation's No. 4 prospect in the Class of 2023 by PrepVolleyball.com.

Chicoine has served as a mentor for middle school athletes and has volunteered locally on behalf of the YWCA, Lafayette Urban Ministry and youth volleyball camps. "Chloe Chicoine stands out as the most athletic and dynamic young athlete I've ever had to prepare for," said Brad McCarter head coach at Lafayette Central Catholic High School. "She sees the game at a different level than most athletes and is a pure competitor."

Chicoine has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Chicoine joins recent Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Players of the Year Ali Hornung (2020-21, Our Lady of Providence High School), Melani Shaffmaster (2019-20 & 2017-18, New Castle High School), and Kenzie Knuckles (2018-19, Yorktown High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Chicoine has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Chicoine is also eligible to submit a short 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 \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.