

**CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 11, 2022) — In its 37<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Corinne Herr** of **Concord-Carlisle High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Player of the Year**. Herr is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Concord-Carlisle 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 Herr as Massachusetts' best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Herr 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-8 senior outside hitter compiled 423 kills and 238 digs this past season, leading the Patriots (21-2) to the Division I state quarterfinals. Herr also tallied 54 service aces, 20 assists and 18 blocks while posting a .388 kill percentage. A two-time First Team All-State selection, Herr was the 2021 Dual County League Player of the Year and a three-time DCL All-Star. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 939 kills.

Herr is a member of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), a prevention program targeting gender violence, sexual harassment and bullying. She has also volunteered locally organizing community book drives and hosting holiday senior luncheons. "Corinne was our go-to player whether she was in the front row or back row," said Jim Crandall, head coach of Concord-Carlisle High School. "She developed all the shots necessary to make her a versatile and unpredictable attacker."

Herr has maintained a weighted 4.39 GPA in the classroom. She remains undecided upon 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Herr joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Players of the Year Sydney Yim (2020-21, Newburyport High School), Dasha Smolina (2019-20, Winchester High School), Riley James (2018-19, Barnstable High School), and Emma Smallcomb (2017-18, Westborough 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, Herr 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. Herr 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).