SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON 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 **Alexis Haury** of **Silverton High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year**. Haury is the first Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Silverton 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 Haury as Oregon'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, Haury 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 sophomore setter and outside hitter compiled 398 assists, 224 digs and 201 kills this past season, leading the Foxes (16-6) to the Class 5A state quarterfinals. Haury also tallied 51 service aces while posting a .457 kill percentage. Ranked as the nation's No. 3 recruit in the Class of 2024 by PrepVolleyball.com, she was a First Team All-Mid-Willamette Conference selection and a Class 5A Second Team All-State honoree.

Haury has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach. "Alexis has the ability to make unbelievable plays look effortless and, at the same time, she's able to set up her teammates for success," said Troy Shorey, head coach of Crescent Valley High School. "Her innate ability to read plays, balls and the direction of the game is just not seen very often."

Haury has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Haury joins recent Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Players of the Year Daley McClellan (2020-21, Canby High School), Izzi Szulczewski (2019-20, Mountainside High School), Rose Booth (2018-19, Jesuit High School), and Chloe Brown (2017-18, Southridge 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, Haury 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. Haury 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.

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