

**LARAMIE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WYOMING 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 Stucky** of **Laramie High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Wyoming Volleyball Player of the Year**. Stucky is the third Gatorade Wyoming Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Laramie 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 Stucky as Wyoming'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, Stucky joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahler 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 6-foot-2 senior outside hitter led the Lady Plainsmen to a 32-2 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year, Stucky recorded 352 kills, 203 digs, 155 assists and 53 service aces, while posting a .442 hitting percentage. The MVP of the 2021 Under Armour All-America Game, she was the Class 4A Player of the Year, a four-time All-State honoree and a MaxPreps Second Team All-American. A member of the U.S. Girls U18 National Team which captured a bronze medal at September's world championships, she is ranked as the No. 7 prospect in the Class of 2022 by PrepVolleyball.com.

Stucky has volunteered locally on behalf of the 4-H Club and youth volleyball programs. "Alexis Stucky is by far the best volleyball athlete Wyoming has ever had," said Wenett Martin, head coach at Thunder Basin High School. "She's just an amazing player—she was a great hitter for Laramie, but she also made the All-American game as a setter."

Stucky has maintained a 3.81 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Florida 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.

Two-time winner Stucky joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Volleyball Players of the Year Danilynn Schell (2019-20 & 2018-19, Kelly Walsh High School), and Madison Vinich (2017-18, Kelly Walsh 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, Stucky 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. Stucky 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.

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