## CLACKAMAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (March 9, 2022) — In its 37<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jazzy Davidson** of **Clackamas High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Davidson is the second Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clackamas 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 Davidson as Oregon's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Davidson joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Skylar Diggins-Smith (2008-09, Washington High School, Ind.), Nneka Ogwumike (2007-08, CyFair High School, Texas), Maya Moore (2006-07, Collins Hill High School, Ga.), Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), and Lisa Leslie (1989-90, Morningside High School, Calif.).

The 6-foot-1 freshman guard and forward had led the Cavaliers to a 24-2 record and a berth in the Class 6A state tournament's second round at the time of her selection. Davidson averaged 22.2 points, 8.3 rebounds, 4.1 steals, 2.7 assists and 1.4 blocks per game through 26 games. The Mount Hood Conference Player of the Year, she recorded nine double-doubles on the season and has been recognized as an ESPN.com Class of 2025 Rising Star.

Davidson is a member of the Clackamas High Athletic Leadership Council, and she has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach. "Jazzy basically did it all against us," said Glen Lee, head coach of Mountainside High School. "She's long and athletic, covers a lot of ground and is a nightmare for anyone that Clackamas plays. I love how explosive she is."

Davidson has maintained a 3.78 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her sophomore 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.

Davidson joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Players of the Year Aaronette Vonleh (2020-21, West Linn High School), McKelle Meek (2019-20, Southridge High School), Cameron Brink (2018-19, Southridge High School), and Cameron Brink (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 court. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Davidson 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. Davidson 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 studentathletes, 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.