

**SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 16, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Aiva Arquette** of **Saint Louis School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Arquette is the first Gatorade Hawaii Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Saint Louis 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 Arquette as Hawaii's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Arquette joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jabari Parker (2011-12, Simeon Career Academy, Ill.) and Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.).

The 6-foot-4, 215-pound senior forward led the Crusaders to a 20-2 record and the Division I state title, averaging 17.1 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals per game. Arquette, who was named the Division I state tournament MVP, scored 25 points in the title game to help Saint Louis claim its first state championship in 37 years.

Arquette has volunteered locally with the Ka Ipu Aina Kaiwi Shoreline Clean Up and the Kawainui Marsh Restoration. A Student Council member, he has also donated his time to the Crusader for a Day student-shadowing program and as a tour guide during Saint Louis School Admissions Open House. "He's diversified his game since his sophomore year, when he burst onto the scene with several early 20-point sharpshooting efforts," said Robbie Shklov, Mid-Pacific Institute High School head coach. "He added a virtually unstoppable back-to-the-basket game and an unblockable turnaround fade. In transition, he was in a class of his own as he could lead the break, sprint the wings and capably finish as a passer or scorer."

Arquette has maintained a 3.63 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Washington 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.

Arquette joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Basketball Players of the Year O'shen Cazimero (2020-21, Kohala High School), Christmas Togiai (2019-20, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), and Kameron Ng (2018-19 & 2017-18, Saint Francis 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, Arquette 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. Arquette 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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