

**CANE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TENNESSEE BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (March 16, 2022) — In its 37<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Brandon Miller** of **Cane Ridge High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Miller is the first Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Cane Ridge 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 Miller as Tennessee'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, Miller 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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-9, 190-pound senior forward had led the Ravens to a 25-6 record and a berth in the Class 4A state quarterfinals at the time of his selection. Miller averaged 26.2 points, 7.9 rebounds, 2.4 assist, 2.0 steals and 1.5 blocks per game through 31 games. A McDonald's All-American Game selection and a finalist for Class 4A Mr. Basketball, he is ranked as the nation's No. 13 recruit in the Class of 2022 by ESPN.com.

Miller has volunteered locally on behalf of The Little Pantry that Could, providing free groceries to those in need. He has also donated his time feeding the homeless through the Nashville Rescue Mission. "Brandon has done everything to put his team on his back and take them to places they haven't been before," said Tony Rutland, head coach of LaVergne High School. "He can change the game on the offensive end and the defensive end. But he changes the game because he's not a selfish player and he trusts his teammates to make plays when he passes the ball."

Miller has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Alabama 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 Miller joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Players of the Year Johnathan Lawson (2019-20, Wooddale High School), James Wiseman (2018-19, Memphis East High School), and Darius Garland (2017-18, Brentwood Academy), 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, Miller 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. Miller 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).

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