IOLANI SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 13, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Senna Roberts-Navarro** of **Iolani School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year**. Roberts-Navarro is the fourth Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Iolani 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 Roberts-Navarro as Hawaii'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, Roberts-Navarro joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners, including Lexi Sun (2016-17, Santa Fe Christian School, Calif.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.), Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.) and April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter led the Raiders (25-5) to a Division I state title this past season. Roberts-Navarro recorded 394 kills, 224 digs, 36 blocks and 24 aces, posting a .332 hitting percentage on the attack. She was named the 2022 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Division I Player of the Year and an AVCA First Team All-American after the season.

Roberts-Navarro has volunteered locally with HUGS Hawaii, an organization that aims to improve the quality of life for families facing emotional and financial hardships while caring for children facing life-threatening illness. "Senna was our dependable leader throughout the season," said 'Iolani School coach Kainoa Obrey. "We relied on her to deliver in the biggest moments and she did every time. We couldn't have won a league and state championship if we didn't have Senna leading us."

Roberts-Navarro has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Seton Hall University 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.

Roberts-Navarro joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year Devin Kahahawai (2021-22, Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama High School), Maui Robins (2020-21, Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama High School), and Elena Oglivie (2019-20 & 2018-19, 'Iolani School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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