

**CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA 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 **Angelina Sayles** of **Coronado High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year**. Sayles is the third Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Coronado 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 Sayles as Nevada'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, Sayles 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-10 senior outside hitter led the Cougars to a 29-5 record and a 5A state championship this past season. Sayles recorded 266 kills, 75 aces, 233 digs and 25 blocks. She was named the 5A Desert Region Player of the Year and 5A Southern Nevada Player of the Year.

Sayles has volunteered locally in association with her church youth group, packaging food bags for the homeless. She also has donated her time to multiple fundraisers for childhood cancer and breast cancer awareness. "We played them three times, and she killed us three times," said Palo Verde High School head coach Philip Clarke. "She is dangerous in all aspects of the game. In the region semifinals, we were up a couple set points. Angelina went back to serve and ripped a couple jump serves and won it for them. She was the best player on the best team."

Sayles has maintained a 4.7 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at The Citadel 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.

Sayles joins recent Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Players of the Year Caroline Edgeworth (2021-22, Bishop Gorman High School), Tori Harper (2020-21, Bishop Manogue High School), and Tommi Stockham (2019-20 & 2018-19, Bishop Gorman High 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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