

**ANCHORAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALASKA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 8, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Sayvia Sellers** of **Anchorage Christian School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Alaska Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Sellers is the second Gatorade Alaska Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Anchorage Christian 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 Sellers as Alaska's best high school girls basketball player. Sellers joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Kiki Rice (2021-22, Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D.C.), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minn.), Nneka Ogwumike (2007-08, CyFair High School, Texas), and Candace Parker (2003-04 & 2002-03, Naperville Central High School, Ill.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-7 senior point guard had led the Lions to a 21-2 regular-season record at the time of her selection. Sellers averaged 26.0 points, 9.2 assists, 6.0 rebounds and 5.0 steals per game through 23 games. A two-time First Team All-State honoree, she is also a three-time state tournament MVP and ranks as the nation's No. 28 recruit in the Class of 2023 according to ESPN.com.

Sellers has volunteered locally for the Special Olympics and as a youth basketball coach. "Sayvia is an amazing player," said Eric Pomerleau, head coach of Soldotna High School. "Her handle, finishing and shooting are next level. At our tournament [the Al Howard Shootout], she was the MVP and won the free-throw and 3-point contests. She can get a bucket whenever she wants, but she's not a selfish player at all."

Sellers has maintained a weighted 3.07 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball 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.

Two-time winner Sellers joins recent Gatorade Alaska Girls Basketball Players of the Year Amelia 'Uhila (2020-21, Bartlett High School), Destiny Reimers (2019-20, Anchorage Christian School), and Alissa Pili (2018-19, Dimond 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.

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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