

**ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 15, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Malik Mack** of **St. John's College High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Mack is the third Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. John's College 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 Mack as District of Columbia's best high school boys basketball player. Mack joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Chet Holmgren (2020-21, Minnehaha Academy, Minn.), Trae Young (2016-17, Norman North High School, Ok.), Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), and Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-2, 160-pound senior point guard had led the Cadets to a 31-3 record and a berth in the Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament semifinals. Mack averaged 15.4 points, 5.2 assists, 4.9 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game through 34 contests. Mack also helped St. John's win its first Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Tournament crown since 2016. A two-time First Team All-WCAC selection, he missed his entire sophomore season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee.

A member of his school's Black Student Union, Mack has volunteered locally as a middle school tutor. "Malik was very consistent in running the show for SJC all year," said Glenn Farello, head coach of Paul VI High School. "He played great in the WCAC tourney and was instrumental in beating us in the championship game, hitting big shots and making winning plays."

Mack has maintained a weighted 4.17 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to attend Harvard University, where he will play basketball, 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.

Mack joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Players of the Year Darren Buchanan (2021-22, Woodrow Wilson High School), Quincy Allen (2020-21, Maret School), Terrance Williams (2019-20, Gonzaga College High School), and Casey Morsell (2018-19, St. John's College 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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