

**DEL CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 **Brandon Garrison** of **Del City High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Garrison is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Del City 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 Garrison as Oklahoma's best high school boys basketball player. Garrison 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-9, 205-pound senior forward had led the Eagles to a 19-6 record and a berth in the 5A state semifinals, averaging 16.1 points, 10.1 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 1.2 steals and 1.7 blocks per game entering the final four. Garrison is ranked as the nation's No. 30 recruit in the Class of 2023 by ESPN. A McDonald's All-American, he was named to the Team USA roster for the Nike Hoop Summit next month.

Garrison has volunteered locally performing maintenance and custodial work at his church. He's also donated his time coaching and mentoring youth basketball players between the ages of 5 and 15 at summer basketball camps. "He impacts the game so much that he's the best player on the court if he is scoring zero points or 20 points," said Brandon Jackson, head coach at Piedmont High. "He's a great rebounder, great passer, gets double-teamed every game and he is fine with it. He passes the ball and wants his teammates to succeed."

Garrison has maintained a 3.15 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Oklahoma State University 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.

Garrison joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jai'Vion "JV" Seat (2021-22, Edmond Memorial High School), Trey Alexander (2020-21, Heritage Hall High School), and Bryce Thompson (2019-20 & 2018-19, Booker T. Washington 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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