

**BRENTWOOD ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 **Tyler Tanner** of **Brentwood Academy** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Tanner is the third Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood Academy.

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 Tanner as Tennessee's best high school boys basketball player. Tanner 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.).

The 6-foot, 160-pound junior point guard led the Eagles to a 29-3 record and the Division II, Class AA state championship this past season. Tanner averaged 19.6 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 3.1 steals per game. He recorded 22 points and five steals in BA's 63-52 win over Briarwood Christian High School in the state final, earning tournament MVP honors. He is a two-time Division II-AA Mr. Basketball finalist.

Tanner has volunteered locally as part of community beautification projects and has donated his time as a youth basketball coach and mentor. "Tyler was amazing this year," said Kevin Maggard, head coach of Christ Presbyterian Academy. "He is able to influence the game from the defensive end of the floor. Everyone talks about his offensive skills, and deservedly so, but his defensive skills on reading the next play, guarding hard both on and off the ball and his overall instincts are second to none."

Tanner has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Tanner joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Players of the Year Brandon Miller (2012-22 & 2020-21, Cane Ridge High School), Johnathan Lawson (2019-20, Wooddale High School), and James Wiseman (2018-19, Memphis East 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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