

**CURTIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 **Zoom Diallo** of **Curtis Senior High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Diallo is the first Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Curtis Senior 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 Diallo as Washington's best high school boys basketball player. Diallo 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-5, 185-pound junior guard led the Vikings to a 28-3 record and a second straight Class 4A state title this past season. Diallo averaged 20.2 points, 5.5 assists, 4.4 rebounds and 1.3 assists, including 21 points in a 49-43 win over conference rival Olympia High School in the state final. Ranked as the nation's No. 9 recruit in the Class of 2024 by 247Sports.com, he concluded his junior year with 1,405 points.

Diallo has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and he's donated his time as a youth basketball coach. "Diallo is a walking basket thanks to his outstanding shot mechanics and touch from different spots on the floor," said Paul Biancardi, National Recruiting Director for ESPN. "His ability to find an open pocket of space and stop in a split-second to elevate into his pull-up jumper is advanced. He's got a strong frame, constitutes a multi-level threat, displays excellent economy of motion and moves with purpose."

Diallo has maintained a 3.62 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.

Diallo joins recent Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Players of the Year Tyler Bilodeau (2021-22, Kamiakin High School), Jackson Grant (2020-21, Olympia High School), Paolo Banchemo (2019-20, O'Dea High School), and Jaden McDaniels (2018-19, Federal Way 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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