

**CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE HAWAII SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 9, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Taryn Irimata** of **Campbell High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Hawaii Softball Player of the Year**. Irimata is the third Gatorade Hawaii Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Campbell 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 field, distinguishes Irimata as Hawaii’s best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Irimata joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jordyn Bahl (2020-21, Papillion-La Vista High School, Neb.), Megan Faraimo (2017-18, Cathedral Catholic High School, Calif.), Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.) and Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Springs High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-7 senior right-handed pitcher led the Sabers to a 16-0 record and the Division 1 state championship this past season. Irimata was the winning pitcher in 15 of those wins, finishing with a 1.37 ERA and 124 strikeouts while issuing just 10 walks in 97 innings pitched. The Division 1 state tournament MVP, she retired the final 17 batters she faced in the title game.

Irimata has volunteered locally packing and delivering food to the elderly. She also has donated her time on behalf of local youth baseball and softball camps. “Taryn was by far the player most valuable—without her, Campbell would not have been undefeated,” said Kapolei High School head coach Keoke Behic. “She was dominating on the mound and the difference maker for the [state] championship.”

Irimata has maintained a 3.91 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Nevada 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.

Irimata joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Softball Players of the Year Ailana Agbayani (2021-22, Iolani School), Jenna Sniffen (2020-21, Maryknoll School), Liliana Thomas (2019-20, Maryknoll School), and Aleia Agbayani (2018-19, Iolani 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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