

**DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE CONNECTICUT VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (January 8, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Aubrey Moore** of **Darien High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Connecticut Volleyball Player of the Year**. Moore is the seventh Gatorade Connecticut Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Darien High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Moore as Connecticut's best high school volleyball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Harper Murray (2022-23, Skyline High School, Mich.), Kerri Walsh Jennings (1995-96, Archbishop Mitty High School, Calif.) and April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-9 senior setter led the Blue Wave to a 25-0 record and a second straight Class LL state championship this past season. Moore recorded 666 assists, 155 digs and 83 service aces and was named State Player of the Year by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association. A two-time State Tournament Most Valuable Player, she concluded her prep volleyball career with a state-record 2,108 assists.

Moore has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives with Youth Give Back in association with the Community Fund of Darien. She has also donated her time to fundraising campaigns to benefit Alzheimer's and breast cancer research. "The thing I have noticed in watching and competing against Aubrey is how she's able to make others around her better," said Rich Heitz, head coach of Southington High School. "Aubrey does such a great job of putting her team in system and allowing them to play at their absolute best. This is stuff that doesn't show on a team's stat sheet, but is integral to team success."

Moore has maintained a 3.54 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Boston College 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade Connecticut Volleyball Players of the Year Leilani Gillespie (2022-23, Darien High School), Liana Sarkissian (2021-22, Greenwich High School), Emma Appleman (2020-21, Guilford High School), and Paula Hernandez (2019-20, Woodstock Academy), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 organizations.

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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