## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS-KAPALAMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII 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 **Adrianna Arquette** of **Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year**. Arquette is the ninth Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama 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 Arquette as Hawaii'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-11 senior outside hitter led the Warriors to a 30-3 record and a Division I state championship this past season. Arquette recorded 364 kills, averaging 4.3 per set, to go with 264 digs, 111 blocks, 39 assists and 30 aces. She had 17 kills and 18 digs in Kamehameha's 3-1 state title victory over Punahou. She was also named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player and the Honolulu Star-Advertiser Player of the Year.

A member of her school's theater program, Arquette has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach and referee in addition to donating her time with community restoration groups. "She was our go-to player and produced every match and contributed in many categories, which allowed her to be the steadying force of our team," said Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School coach Chris Blake. "She is a rare talent and one of the most skilled and physical scholar-athletes I've coached in my 22 years with this team."

Arquette has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Hawaii this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Arquette joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year Senna Roberts-Navarro (2022-23, Iolani School), Devin Kahahawai (2021-22, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Maui Robins (2020-21, Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama High School), and Elena Oglivie (2019-20, Iolani School), 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at <a href="mailto:facebook.com/GatoradePOY">facebook.com/GatoradePOY</a>, Instagram at <a href="mailto:instagram.com/Gatorade">instagram.com/Gatorade</a> and Twitter at <a href="mailto:twitter.com/Gatorade">twitter.com/Gatorade</a>.