WESTBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 8, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Quinn Anderson** of **Westborough High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Player of the Year**. Anderson is the third Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Westborough 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 Anderson as Massachusetts' 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 6-foot senior outside hitter led the Rangers to a 21-1 record and their second consecutive Division II state championship this past season. Anderson recorded 430 kills, averaging 6.2 per set, to go with 191 digs, 63 aces and 18 blocks. The 2022-23 Massachusetts Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year, Anderson concluded her prep career with a 70-2 record in a Westborough uniform and is only the third player ever to earn four Massachusetts Volleyball Coaches Association All-State selections.

A member of the National Honor Society, Anderson has volunteered her time locally with a school program that performs yard clean-ups and cares for the elderly. She has also donated her time on behalf of a middle school robotics program and as a youth volleyball coach. "The level of play she's at is quite rare," said Dartmouth head coach Rachel Lassey. "She's leaping from back row to front row to crush the ball at the 10-foot line. Her defense and serve is top notch. Quinn is the real deal."

Anderson has maintained a 4.38 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Stony Brook University 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.

Two-time winner Anderson joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Players of the Year Corinne Herr (2021-22, Concord-Carlisle High School), Sydney Yim (2020-21, Newburyport High School), and Dasha Smolina (2019-20, Winchester High 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 facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.