

**MERCY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MICHIGAN 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 **Campbell Flynn** of **Mercy High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Michigan Volleyball Player of the Year**. Flynn is the third Gatorade Michigan Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mercy 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 Flynn as Michigan’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 6-foot-3 junior outside hitter and setter led the Marlins to a 32-15-3 record and the Division 1 state championship this past season. Flynn recorded 553 assists, 137 digs and 124 kills despite missing the first 15 matches of the season while playing in both the Under-19 and Under-21 World Championships as a member of Team USA. Ranked as the No. 5 recruit in the Class of 2025 by PrepDig.com, she concluded her junior year with 1,910 assists and 737 kills in her prep volleyball career.

Flynn has volunteered locally with PB&J Ministries, preparing and repackaging food for a men’s shelter serving the homeless population in Detroit. She has also donated her time with the Salvation Army and as a youth volleyball coach. “Campbell is always a threat to the defense,” said Jordan Drake, head coach of Lowell High School. “When she’s in the front row, you have to respect her as an attacker. She’s tough from the service line and she’s a great defender on the floor as well.”

Flynn has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Nebraska beginning in the fall of 2025.

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.

Flynn joins recent Gatorade Michigan Volleyball Players of the Year Harper Murray (2022-23, Skyline High School), Ava Brizard (2021-22 & 2020-21, Marian High School), and Jess Mruzik (2019-20, Mercy 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.

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