

**DEXTER SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (March 14, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Orlagh Gormley** of **Dexter Southfield School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Gormley is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dexter Southfield 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 Gormley as Massachusetts' best high school girls basketball 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 Candace Parker (2003-04, 2002-03 & 2001-02, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), Paige Bueckers (2017-18, Hopkins High School, Minn.) and Juju Watkins (2022-23 & 2021-22, Sierra Canyon School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-6 senior guard averaged 22.1 points and 9.2 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Shields (20-4) to the semifinals of the Class AA New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) tournament. Gormley also averaged 7.1 assists and 4.8 steals per game while shooting 65 percent. A two-time NEPSAC AA First-Team selection, she concluded her prep career as Dexter Southfield's leading scorer in history with 1,801 points.

Gormley has volunteered locally with A Shot For Life, a sports based non-profit organization that funds health and cancer research initiatives. She has also donated her time as a youth basketball coach with the iHoop Academy. "She carries that team and she's their motor," said Jamie Bavaro, head coach of New Hampton School. "She's done great things for Dexter to make them really competitive. She's composed. She's a well-respected point guard that handles herself really well."

Gormley has maintained a 3.62 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Providence 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.

Gormley joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Basketball Players of the Year Grace Oliver (2022-23, Noble & Greenough School), Taina Mair (2021-22, Brooks School) and Caroline Ducharme (2020-21 & 2019-20, Noble & Greenough 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](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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