CLACKAMAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 14, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jazzy Davidson of Clackamas High School is the 2023-24 Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Davidson is the second Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clackamas 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 Davidson as Oregon's 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.).

At the time of her selection, the 6-foot-1 senior guard had led the Cavaliers (23-3) to the Class 6A state semifinals this past season. Davidson averaged 26.4 points, 7.7 rebounds, 3.8 steals, 2.6 assists and 1.0 blocks per through 25 games and recorded 27 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots in a quarterfinals' win. Ranked as the nation's No. 2 recruit in the Class of 2025 by both espnW and Prospects Nation, Davidson is a three-time Gatorade Oregon Player of the Year and a 2024 Naismith Award semifinalist. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she was the Oregon Sports Awards Girls Basketball winner in 2022. Entering the state final four, Clackamas had not lost to an in-state team since 2022.

Davidson is a member of her school's Athletic Leadership Council and has volunteered locally coaching at youth basketball camps and clinics. "In my opinion, Jazzy is the most transformational player our state has seen in the last two decades," said Tom Cole, head coach of South Medford High School. "Her physical attributes combined with her talent and ability to impact the game in so many aspects make her a truly special player."

Davidson has maintained a 3.87 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Three-time winner Davidson joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Players of the Year Aaronette Vonleh (2020-21, West Linn High School) and McKelle Meek (2019-20, Southridge 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 <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and Twitter at <u>twitter.com/Gatorade</u>.

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