

**GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 **Katie Fiso** of **Garfield High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Washington Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Fiso is the second Gatorade Washington Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Garfield 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 Fiso as Washington'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.).

The 5-foot-11 senior point guard averaged 24.6 points, 4.2 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2.5 steals this past season, leading Bulldogs (21-3) to the Class 3A state title for the third time in her tenure. Ranked as the nation's No 10 recruit in her class by Prospects Nation, Fiso was the Class 3A State Tournament MVP for the second consecutive year, scoring a game-high 29 to go with seven rebounds and four steals in the championship game. A two-time All-State selection entering her senior season, she compiled a true shooting percentage of 60 percent in 2024.

Fiso has volunteered locally on behalf of Push for Dreams, the Champions of Change All-Star Game and the Seattle Sports Institute, where she mentors foster kids. "I believe Katie Fiso of Garfield High School is the best player in our state," said Arvin Mosely, head coach at Emerald Ridge High School. "She's played the toughest teams in Washington while being in the spotlight her entire career. And when it mattered most in the championship game, she delivered. There are other great players in our state, for sure, but Katie has separated herself with her next-level skill set, her willingness to set her teammates up and her ability to slice through all the junk defenses thrown her way. "

Fiso has maintained a 3.64 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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.

Fiso joins recent Gatorade Washington Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jenna Villa (2022-23, Arlington High School), Kyra Gardner (2021-22, Raymond High School), Julianna Walker (2020-21, Annie Wright Schools) and Hailey Van Lith (2019-20, Cashmere 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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