

**WHEELING PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WEST VIRGINIA 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 **Alexis Bordas** of **Wheeling Park High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade West Virginia Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Bordas is the first Gatorade West Virginia Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Wheeling Park 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 Bordas as West Virginia’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-8 junior shooting guard averaged 24 points and 5.8 rebounds this past season, leading the Patriots (24-4) to the Class AAAA state title, the program’s first since 1999. The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, Bordas shot 57.8 percent from inside the arc, 41.1 percent from 3-point range and 78 percent from the free throw line this winter, adding 2.4 steals and 2.2 assist per game. Ranked as West Virginia’s No. 3 recruit in the Class of 2025 by PrepGirlsHoops, she scored 22 points in her team’s title-clinching win, earning AAAA Tournament MVP honors in the process.

Bordas has volunteered locally collecting food and wrapping gifts for the less fortunate throughout the holiday season. A member of the Drug Free Club of America, she has also donated her time by hosting a free instructional clinic for youth players. Bordas is a devoted parishioner of the St. Vincent Parish Church. “Lex is a scorer, but she’s a well-rounded basketball player,” said Wheeling Park head coach Ryan Young. “She’s led our team in rebounding each of the last three seasons and led the team in steals this season. She works hard on both ends of the floor and is a major factor in our team’s success.

Bordas has maintained a 4.65 weighted GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Two-time winner Bordas joins recent Gatorade West Virginia Girls Basketball Players of the Year Dionna Gray (2021-22, Huntington High School), Marley Washenitz (2020-21, Fairmont Senior High School) and Grace Hutson (2019-20, St. Joseph Central Catholic 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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