

**BRENTWOOD ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Tyler Tanner** of **Brentwood Academy** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Tanner is the third Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood Academy.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Tanner as Tennessee’s best high school boys 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 LeBron James (2002-03 & 2001-02, St. Vincent – St. Mary High School, Ohio), Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.) and Jayson Tatum (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.).

The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot, 160-pound senior point guard averaged 26.2 points, 4.4 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 3.3 assists per game this past season, leading the Eagles (25-8) to the Division II, Class AA state championship game. The 2024 Division II-AA Mr. Basketball winner, Tanner is a three-time First Team All-State selection and a three-time Mr. Basketball finalist. Ranked as the nation’s No. 133 recruit in the Class of 2024 by PrepHoops, he is also No. 1 in Tennessee.

Tanner has volunteered locally as part of community beautification projects and he has donated his time as a youth basketball coach and mentor. “Tyler is a phenomenal player,” said Doug Bontrager, head coach of Father Ryan Academy. “He has a very high basketball IQ and makes plays in all situations and at all levels. Where he does not get enough credit is his ability on the defensive end. He is exceptionally quick and can change the game on that end by getting a steal or disrupting your offense.”

Tanner has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Vanderbilt University 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 Tanner joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Boys Basketball Players of the Year Brandon Miller (2021-22 & 2020-21, Cane Ridge High School), and Johnathan Lawson (2019-20, Wooddale 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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