## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS-KAPALAMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Kalāweloilehua Chock of Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year. Chock is the tenth Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Chock as Hawaii's best high school volleyball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, Ca.), Kerri Walsh Jennings (1995-96, Archbishop Mitty High School, Ca.) and Ayden Ames (2023-24, Prosper High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-9 junior outside and right-side hitter led the Warriors (33-11) to their second straight Division 1 state championship this past season. Chock recorded 516 kills to average 4.5 per set and added 348 digs en route to earning Division 1 State Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors. She also compiled 62 blocks and 22 aces on the year.

Chock has volunteered locally with Hoʻokuaʻāina, a non-profit organization that mentors youth and adults through the cultivation of kalo, a root vegetable that is a staple of Hawaiian culture. "Kalāweloilehua Chock is a volleyball player who embodies grit and passion," said Reydan Ahuna, Punahou School head coach. "Her fiery spirit elevates everyone around her on the court. She never backs down from a challenge, and her passion for the game shines through, especially when the stakes are high."

Chock has maintained a 3.78 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 across 12 different high school sports – 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.

Chock joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year Adrianna Arquette (2023-24, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Senna Roberts-Navarro (2022-23, Iolani School), Devin Kahahawai (2021-22, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School) and Maui Robins (2020-21, Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama), 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, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>. Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.