MERCY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MICHIGAN VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Campbell Flynn** of **Mercy High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Michigan Volleyball Player of the Year**. Flynn is the third Gatorade Michigan Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mercy 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 Flynn as Michigan'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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-3 senior setter recorded 730 assists and 188 digs this past season, leading the Marlins (31-3) to the Division 1 regional semifinals. Flynn also compiled 131 kills, 52 blocks and 36 service aces while posting a .394 hitting percentage at net. She was a member of the U.S. Under-21 Women's National Team that won the gold medal at the NORCECA Championships this summer and is ranked as the nation's No. 4 recruit in the Class of 2025 by PrepDig.com. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,973 assists and 737 kills.

Flynn has volunteered locally with PB&J Ministries, preparing and repackaging food for a men's shelter serving the homeless population in Detroit. She has also donated her time with the Salvation Army and as a youth volleyball coach. In addition, Flynn is a member of both her school's Healthy Habits Club and Stars and Stripes Club, which educates students on the hardships faced by families in war zones. "One of the most technically proficient signal-callers in the country, Campbell Flynn has run the gamut of influence on her sport during her high school and junior national career," said Sam Haimann, an editor for PrepVolleyball throughout the 2024 season. "Clearly among the most outstanding prospects in the Class of 2025, she turned in a triple-triple campaign in assists, digs and kills for Mercy this past season in the course of providing incredible floor generalship. She followed up on a 2023 USAV Girls U19 squad assignment, which produced an FIVB U19 World Championship gold medal for Team USA, before moving up to debut with the U21s, then reach the FIVB U21 World Championships that same year. She's simply a phenom."

Flynn has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid and plans to enroll early at the University of Nebraska, where she will play volleyball.

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.

Two-time winner Flynn joins recent Gatorade Michigan Volleyball Players of the Year Harper Murray (2022-23, Skyline High School) and Ava Brizard (2021-22 & 2020-21, Marian 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, 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>.

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