

**FAIRPORT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW YORK 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 **Kiera Cornman** of **Fairport High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade New York Volleyball Player of the Year**. Cornman is the first Gatorade New York Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Fairport 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 Cornman as New York’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-11 senior outside hitter recorded 299 kills and 192 digs this past season, leading the Red Raiders (34-3) to the AAA state championship. Cornman compiled a .388 hitting percentage and a .502 kill percentage on the year. A First-Team All-State selection, she put down 33 kills in the title match and was named MVP of the State Tournament.

Cornman has volunteered locally for her indoor volleyball club during tournaments, camps and coaches clinics, and she also coaches on behalf of her beach volleyball club. In addition, she’s donated her time to the team’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month fundraiser for the Pluta Cancer Center. “Cornman is a classic beach player, which clearly elevates her indoor game,” said Ward Melville High School head coach Haley Blunt. “Her court awareness, IQ, demeanor, leadership, sportsmanship, power, defense—all admirable and of the highest quality.”

Cornman has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play beach volleyball at the University of Hawaii 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.

Cornman joins recent Gatorade New York Volleyball Players of the Year Carson Tyler (2023-24, St. Mary's High School), Amya Davis (2022-23, Hendrick Hudson High School), Emma Werkmeister (2021-22, Victor Senior High School) and Carlie Rzeszotarski (2020-21, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.