DIVINE SAVIOR HOLY ANGELS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 **Madison Quest** of **Divine Savior Holy Angels High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year**. Quest is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Divine Savior Holy Angels 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 Quest as Wisconsin'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 outside hitter led the Dashers to a 47-1 record and a third straight Division 1 state championship this past season. Quest amassed 504 kills, 254 digs and 84 blocks while posting a .448 kill percentage and a .366 hitting percentage at net. She recorded 18 kills and 14 digs in DSHA's 3-1 win over Hamilton High School in the state final. Ranked as the nation's No. 13 recruit in the Class of 2025 by PrepDig.com, she concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,926 kills and 1,162 digs.

Quest has volunteered locally with her school's Best Buddies program and with Hometown Heroes, a program that raises funds for veterans and their families. She has also donated her time on behalf of the Friedens Family Food Pantry and Lake Country Caring, a community resource for those in need. "Maddie Quest is an impact player," said Mary Beth Dixon, head coach of Manitowoc Lincoln High School. "She makes a difference in every match that she plays. Her teammates look to her when things aren't going well. We played them three times and she never came off the court."

Quest has maintained a weighted 4.01 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play volleyball at the University of Wisconsin 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.

Two-time winner Quest joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Players of the Year Saige Damrow (2022-23, Howards Grove High School), Mckenna Wucherer (2021-22, Brookfield Central High School) and Brooke Mosher (2020-21, Waterloo 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.

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