

**KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS- KAPĀLAMA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (March 13, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Nihoā Dunn** of **Kamehameha Schools- Kapālama High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Dunn is the fourth Gatorade Hawaii Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools- Kapālama 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 Dunn as Hawaii's best high school girls basketball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Illinois), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minnesota) and Joyce Edwards (2023-24, Camden High School, South Carolina).

The 6-foot-0 junior forward and center led the Warriors to a 29-3 record and a Division I state championship this past season. Dunn averaged 16.1 points, 7.4 rebounds and shot 55.1% from the field. She had 18 points and 13 boards in Kamehameha’s 40-34 win over Iolani in the state final and was named the Division I tournament’s most outstanding player.

Dunn has volunteered locally with the Hawaii Food Bank. She has also played in the Sinfonietta, her school’s highest level of orchestra. “Dunn is almost unstoppable inside, but she has also improved her outside shot this year,” said Kyle Kurasaki, head coach at Mililani High School. “She is capable of knocking down 3-pointers if left open, which makes her very hard to defend.”

Dunn has maintained a 3.51 weighted 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.

Dunn joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Basketball Players of the Year Lola Donez (2023-24, Lahainaluna High School), Laynee Torres-Kahapea (2022-23, Punahou School), Jovi Wahinekapu Lefotu (2021-22, Iolani School) and Lily Lefotu Wahinekapu (2020-21, Iolani 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).