

BLUE VALLEY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE KANSAS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 13, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jaliya Davis** of **Blue Valley North High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Kansas Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Davis is the second Gatorade Kansas Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Blue Valley North 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 Davis as Kansas' 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).

At the time of her selection, the 6-foot-2 senior forward had led the Mustangs to an 18-4 record and a berth in the Class 6A East state quarterfinals. Davis averaged 25.0 points, 7.5 rebounds, 2.3 steals and 2.1 assists through 22 games. A McDonald’s All-American Game selection, Davis was also the 2024 Class 6A Player of the Year. Ranked as the nation’s No. 24 recruit in the Class of 2025 by 247Sports, she entered the state quarterfinals with 1,666 points in her prep basketball career.

Davis has volunteered locally with Harvesters, which provides food assistance to people in need. She has also donated her time with the Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead and as part of multiple community service initiatives through her school’s National Honor Society. “Jaliya continuously gets double- and triple-teamed night in and night out and she continues to put up big numbers,” said Natalie Knight-Johnson, head coach of Blue Valley High School and herself the 2010-11 Gatorade Kansas Girls Basketball Player of the Year. “She is definitely unstoppable. She continues to lead her team and win pretty handily despite all of the different defenses that have been thrown at her.”

Davis has maintained a weighted 4.31 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the University of Kansas 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.

Davis joins recent Gatorade Kansas Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jadyn Wooten (2023-24, Blue Valley High School), Addy Brown (2022-23, Derby High School), Zyanna Walker (2021-22, Wichita Heights High School) and Payton Verhulst (2020-21, Bishop Miege 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.

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