PROVIDENCE ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MINNESOTA 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 **Maddyn Greenway** of **Providence Academy** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Minnesota Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Greenway is the first Gatorade Minnesota Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Providence Academy.

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 Greenway as Minnesota'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).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-8 junior guard had led the Lions to a 29-0 record along with the AA Section 5 title and the No. 1 seed in the AA state tournament. Greenway averaged 32.9 points, 8.8 assists, 7.3 rebounds and 5 steals through 29 games. A Naismith High School All-America Honorable Mention, she is ranked as the nation's No. 18 recruit in the Class of 2026 by both espnW and 247Sports.

Greenway has volunteered locally with the Lead the Way organization, helping build playgrounds at the Ronald McDonald House and Crescent Cove, a children's hospice center. She has also donated her time raising funds for the National Marrow Donor Program. "Maddyn has the ability to make everyone feel important: players, coaches, parents," said Andy Berkvam, head coach at Lakeville North High School. "I have never seen anything like it in all of my coaching. She is the best leader and teammate."

Greenway has maintained a 3.47 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Kentucky beginning in the fall of 2026.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Greenway joins recent Gatorade Minnesota Girls Basketball Players of the Year Olivia Olson (2023-24, Benilde-St. Margaret's), Tessa Johnson (2022-23, St. Michael-Albertville High School), Maya Nnaji (2021-22, Hopkins High School) and Gianna Kneepkens (2020-21, Marshall 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>.