

**MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TEXAS 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 **Aaliyah Chavez** of **Monterey High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Chavez is the first Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Monterey 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 Chavez as Texas’ best high school girls basketball player, and she’s also been selected as a finalist for the distinguished Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March. With her selection, **Chavez** 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 5-foot-10 senior point guard led the Plainsmen (37-5) to the 5A Division II state championship this past season. The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, Chavez averaged 34.9 points, 9.1 rebounds, 4.3 assists, 3.7 steals and 1.2 blocks per game. She scored 50 or more in a game nine times in her career and finished with 4,796 points. She was named a McDonald’s All-American, a Naismith First Team All-American and is ranked as the nation’s No. 1 recruit in the Class of 2025 by ESPN and 247Sports.

Chavez has volunteered locally with the Plainsmen Pal Program through which Monterey basketball players befriend and mentor an elementary school student during the season. She coordinates activities and games for Plainsmen Pal gatherings, and she’s also donated her time coaching younger players at her father’s gym. “She does everything tremendously,” said Clint Watson, head coach at Pampa High School. “It is hard to prep for her because she is so versatile. She can handle the ball extremely well, and she can shoot from anywhere with ease. You can tell that she puts in the work.”

Chavez has maintained a 3.54 GPA in the classroom. She is expected to announce her decision on a collegiate destination on March 25.

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 Chavez joins recent Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jules LaMendola (2022-23, Coppell High School), Gisella Maul (2021-22, Cedar Park High School) and Rori Harmon (2020-21, Cypress Creek 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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