

**ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VERMONT BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 2025)— In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Rex Hauser** of **St. Johnsbury Academy** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Vermont Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Hauser is the fourth Gatorade Vermont Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Johnsbury 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 Hauser as Vermont’s best high school boys basketball player and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jayson Tatum (2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.) and Cooper Flagg (2023-24, Montverde Academy, Fl.).

The 6-foot-6, 205-pound senior wing led the Hilltoppers (16-6) to the Division I state semifinals this past season. Hauser averaged 23.3 points and 9.1 rebounds per game while shooting 53.2 percent from the floor. A three-year captain and two-time ‘Dream Dozen’ underclass selection by the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association, he is also a two-time First Team All-State selection in baseball.

A National Honor Society member, Hauser has volunteered locally with a fundraiser to benefit a local cancer center in addition to donating his time as a youth sports official. He has also served as co-president of his school’s student-athlete advisory council. “He was a matchup nightmare for us in terms of his versatility,” said Mike Wood, head coach at Rutland High School. “He can handle the ball on the perimeter, gets downhill and can post up when they need him to. His length in their zone defensively was really problematic for us.”

Hauser has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at the University of Maine 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.

Hauser joins recent Gatorade Vermont Boys Basketball Players of the Year Drew Bessette (2023-24, Rice Memorial High School), Sawyer Ramey (2022-23, Fair Haven Union High School), Jonah Cattaneo (2021-22, Montpelier High School) and Michel Ndayishimiye (2020-21, Rice Memorial 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.