

**RAINIER BEACH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE WASHINGTON BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (March 20, 2025)— In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jaylen Petty** of **Rainier Beach High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Petty is the third Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Rainier Beach 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 Petty as Washington'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, 150-pound senior guard led the Vikings to a 28-3 record and a Class 3A state title this past season. Petty averaged 24.5 points, 5.9 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 3.2 steals per game while shooting 59.5 percent from the floor and 46.6 percent from beyond the arc. The 3A state tournament MVP and 2025 Washington Mr. Basketball, he’s ranked as the nation’s No. 118 prospect in the Class of 2025 by 247Sports.

A talented sketch artist, Petty has volunteered locally on behalf of the Seattle Mentors program. He has also served as a member of Rainier Beach High School’s Black Student Union. “Aside from being one of the most difficult players to prepare for, Petty has always carried himself with character and class,” said Jason Kerr, head coach at O’Dea High School. “These characteristics have been evident on and off the court. Jaylen exemplifies excellence in all areas of his life and is a great role model for the younger generation in our community.”

Petty has maintained a 3.89 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the University of New Mexico 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.

Petty joins recent Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jacob Cofie (2023-24, Eastside Catholic School), Zoom Diallo (2022-23, Curtis Senior High School), Tyler Bilodeau (2021-22, Kamiakin High School) and Jackson Grant (2020-21, Olympia 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](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).