

KAPA'A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 9, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Sienna Yamashita of Kapa'a High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Hawaii Softball Player of the Year.

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 field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Yamashita as Hawaii's best high school softball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Springs High School, Texas), Rachel Garcia (2014-15 & 2012-13, Highland High School, Calif.), Ava Brown (2022-23, Lake Creek High School, Texas) and Addisen Fisher (2023-24, Bend High School, Oregon).

The 5-foot-4 junior shortstop led the Warriors (16-5-1) to their second straight Division 2 state championship this past season. Yamashita batted .615 with a .702 on-base percentage, hit five home runs and drove in 23. She also stole 18 bases, scored 37 runs and was named Most Outstanding Player of the Division 2 state tournament.

A member of the National Honor Society, Yamashita has volunteered locally as an umpire during the annual Charity Walk kickball tournament. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives in association with the Kapa'a High School softball program, including painting the dugouts at local softball diamonds. "She's a great player—she possesses speed, plus power, plus contact and she knows the game really well," said Tyler Yates, head coach at Kauai High School. "She doesn't chase many bad pitches and makes quick adjustments, which makes it that much harder to get her out. She's a menace for opposing coaches, but fun to watch ... one of those players you'd like to have on your team."

Yamashita has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play softball on scholarship at Arizona State University beginning in the fall of 2026.

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.

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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