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**SALESIANUM SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE DELAWARE BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Bryce Wallace of Salesianum School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Delaware Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Wallace is the tenth Gatorade Delaware Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Salesianum School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Wallace as Delaware's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Wallace joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 5-foot-10, 165-pound senior forward led the Sallies to a 17-1 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Wallace scored 21 goals and passed for eight assists, tallying both goals in Salesianum's 2-1 win over Appoquinimink High in the state title game. An All-American selection by United Soccer Coaches, he won four state championships in four years at Salesianum.

Wallace has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and he has donated his time to multiple community-service initiatives through his school. "What makes Bryce so gifted is that he combines natural ability with an intense work rate and dedication," said Scott Mosier, head coach of Salesianum School. "He is a tremendous player."

Wallace has maintained a 3.64 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at St. Joseph's University beginning this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school 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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Wallace joins recent Gatorade Delaware Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jason Blackwell (2016-17, Salesianum School), Matt Dina (2015-16, Appoquinimink High School), Sam Jester (2014-15, Appoquinimink High School), Dylan Huber (2013-14, Salesianum School), Hunter Dann (2012-13, Salesianum School), Matt Hogsten (2011-12, Dover High School), Nick Dirienzo (2010-11, Charter School of Wilmington), Andrew O'Malley (2009-10 & 2008-09, Salesianum School), Matt Margiotta (2007-08, Salesianum School), and Kieran Rice (2006-07, Gonzaga College) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Wallace will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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