

**SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Skyler Goo of Saint Louis School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Goo is the second Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Saint Louis 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 Goo as Hawaii'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, Goo joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 5-foot-7, 135-pound senior forward scored 23 goals this past season, leading the Crusaders (10-3-2) to the Division II state championship game. Goo scored in 12 of 15 games with six multi-goal games. A member of the U.S. Youth Soccer State Olympic Development Program team, he was the All-Hawaii Offensive Player of the Year.

Goo has volunteered locally with the Blood Bank of Hawaii and the Waikiki Hungry Ministries. "Skyler is a machine and plays the striker position to perfection," said Bob Dodge, head coach of Damien High. "He's a smart, patient player. I have seen him grow into one of the best players in the state."

Goo has maintained a 3.10 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Goo joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Players of the Year Alex Liu (2017-18, Iolani School), Duncan McKenna (2016-17, Punahou School), Tyler Ohata (2015-16, Punahou School), Nai'a Graham (2014-15, Kailua High School) and KJ Ahlo (2013-14, Iolani School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Goo also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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