

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 **Carter Abbott of Marquette University High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Abbott is the tenth Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Marquette University High 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 Abbott as Wisconsin'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, Abbott 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-11, 165-pound senior goalkeeper recorded 12 shutouts and a goals-against average of 0.70 this past season, leading the Hilltoppers (20-1-2) to the Division 1 state championship. A United Soccer Coaches All-American, Abbott was named state Player of the Year by the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association and played in the High School All-American Game.

Abbott has volunteered locally on behalf of a local food pantry. "Abbott is just a very, very good keeper," said Eric Hess, head coach at Brookfield East High. "He makes all the highlight-reel saves, but also does an excellent job of organizing the defense and he's great at communicating too."

Abbott has maintained a 3.06 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Wisconsin 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.

Abbott joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Players of the Year Matthew Comiskey (2017-18, Whitefish Bay High School), Zak Wegner (2016-17, Arrowhead High School), Alec Philippe (2015-16, Marquette University High School), Peter Raymonds (2014-15, Brookfield East High School) and Adam Pohlman (2013-14, Neenah High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Abbott 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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