SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MONTANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 13, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Jordan Roe of Skyview High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year.** Roe is the first Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Skyview 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 Roe as Montana's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Roe 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 for Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, 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-4 junior forward led the Falcons to a 15-0 record and the Class AA state championship this past season. Roe recorded 21 goals and a Class AA state-record 20 assists, including two of each in Skyview's 6-0 win over Big Sky High in the state title game. The Eastern Division Class AA Player of the Year, Roe is a two-time First Team All-State selection. She concluded her junior year with 41 goals and 37 assists in her prep soccer career.

A member of her school's student council, Roe has volunteered locally as a special-education tutor and as a youth soccer coach. "Jordan is an extremely dangerous player," said Megan Parish, head coach of Billings Senior High. "The only way to stop her is by putting two players on her. She is able to do things on the field that no one else can do."

Roe has maintained a weighted 4.13 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Roe joins recent Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Cadie Williams (2017-18, Glacier High School), Alexa Coyle (2016-17, Bozeman High School), Brittany Delridge (2015-16, Sentinel High School), Averie Collins (2014-15, Bozeman High School) and Maddy Emerick (2013-14, Billings Senior High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Roe also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of her choosing. She 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 <u>www.Gatorade.com/POY</u>, on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> or follow us on Twitter at <u>www.twitter.com/Gatorade</u>.