

**BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Logan Gronberg of Bismarck High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade North Dakota Softball Player of the Year. Gronberg is the first Gatorade North Dakota Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bismarck 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 Gronberg as North Dakota's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Gronberg joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Catherine Osterman (2000-01, Cy Spring High School, Texas), Kelsey Stewart (2009-10, Arkansas City High School, Kan.), Carley Hoover (2012-13 D.W. Daniel High School, S.C.), Jenna Lilley (2012-13, Hoover High School, Ohio), Morgan Zerkle (2012-13 Cabell Midland High School, W. Va.), and Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-8 sophomore right-handed pitcher and infielder was named the best player in the state by MaxPreps.com during the 2020 preseason. A two-time All-State selection and a member of the 2019 Class A All-Tournament Team, Gronberg concluded her sophomore year with a .570 batting average, 131 hits, 129 runs batted in, 31 home runs and a 1.096 slugging percentage in her prep softball career.

Gronberg has volunteered locally at Papa's Pumpkin Patch and as a youth softball coach. "Logan plays the most important position in softball, pitcher, at a high level, but her strength is her offense," said Kevin Ziegler, head coach of Bismarck Century High School. "She is one of the best hitters I have seen in quite a few years."

Gronberg has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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 and 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.

Two-time winner Gronberg joins Gatorade North Dakota Softball Players of the Year Jordanne McNeilly (2017-18, Dickinson High School), Stephi Dullum (2016-17 & 2015-16, West Fargo High School), and Hannah Stewart (2014-15, Bishop Ryan Catholic High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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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