

**CALVARY BAPTIST ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE LOUISIANA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 5, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Kynzee Anderson of Calvary Baptist Academy is the 2025-26 Gatorade Louisiana Softball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Anderson as Louisiana’s best high school softball player and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress, TX), Alicia Hollowell (2001-02, Fairfield, CA) and Hannah Wells (2024-25, Coahoma, TX).

The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-6 senior right-handed pitcher led the Cavaliers to a 37-1 record and a fourth-straight Select Division III state championship this past season. Anderson compiled a 30-1 mark in the circle with a 0.61 ERA, allowing just 53 hits while striking out 318 batters in 171 innings. Ranked as the nation’s No. 1 recruit in the Class of 2026 by MaxPreps, she also produced a .290 batting average with three home runs and 25 RBI. She concluded her six-year prep softball career with 129 wins, 1,398 strikeouts and six state titles.

Anderson has volunteered locally making handicrafts and playing games at a nursing home. She has also donated her time as a youth softball coach and as part of multiple community service initiatives through her church. “Kynzee’s presence on the mound was effortless and commanding at the same time,” said Ashley Hoyle, head coach of West Ouachita High School. “She carries herself with a quiet humble confidence. Kynzee is a class act as a person and as a student-athlete.”

The valedictorian of her class, Anderson has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play softball at the University of Georgia this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the winners in each sport.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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