

## **CHARIHO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE RHODE ISLAND 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 Adriana Jeannenot of Chariho High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Rhode Island 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 Jeannenot as Rhode Island’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).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-6 junior right-handed pitcher had led the Chargers (22-1) to the “one-loss” bracket final in this spring’s double-elimination Division 1 state tournament. Jeannenot owned a record of 21-1 in the circle through 23 games with a 0.69 ERA and 250 strikeouts, issuing just 27 walks in 142 innings. A two-time All-State selection, she also batted .411 with a team-high 32 RBI, five home runs and 30 runs scored.

Jeannenot has volunteered locally giving pitching lessons to youth softball players. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives in association with the Chariho High School Health and Wellness Committee. “We faced her twice this season and she was the difference in both games when they beat us,” said PJ Bessette, Cranston West High School head coach. “She’s tough both in the circle and at the plate.”

Jeannenot has maintained a 3.92 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play softball on scholarship at the College of the Holy Cross beginning in the fall of 2027.

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](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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