

**GRAHAM-KAPOWSIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 5, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Brooklyn Pettit of Graham-Kapowsin High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Washington 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 Pettit as Washington’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 5-foot-9 sophomore right-handed pitcher and outfielder posted a 24-1 mark in the circle with a 0.71 ERA this past season, leading the Eagles (27-2) to the Class 4A state championship game. Pettit fired four no-hitters, fanned 317 batters and allowed just 50 hits in 147 innings. The 2026 South Puget Sound League South MVP and the 2025 SPSL South Pitcher of the Year, she also batted .545 with 14 home runs and 45 RBI, compiling a 1.148 slugging percentage.

Pettit has volunteered locally as a youth softball coach and instructor. “Brooklyn’s command in the circle is unmatched,” said Kate Zender, head coach of Bonney Lake High School. “On top of her stellar pitching, she was easily the best hitter in the SPSL.”

Pettit has maintained a 3.76 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 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 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.

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