

**WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE
YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 12, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Brown Huffard of Washington International School is the 2025-26 Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Soccer 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 Huffard as District of Columbia’s best high school boys soccer player, and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Alecko Eskandarian (1999-00, Bergen Catholic High School, New Jersey), Cristian Roldan (2012-13, El Rancho High School, California) and Dan Klink (2024-25, Loyola Blakefield, Maryland).

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior forward led the Red Devils to a 19-2 record and both the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference and DCSAA tournament championship this past season. Huffard scored 40 goals and passed for four assists in his only season of high school soccer, having previously played exclusively for his club team. The DCSAA Player of the Year, he was also a Washington Post First Team All-Met selection.

A member of the Washington International School Honor Council at his school, Huffard has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives with his church congregation. “Brown is a calm, cool and collected (player),” said Andrew Sopher, head coach of Washington International School. “From his ability to finish off 1v1 situations to winning aerial duels in the box to his ability to shoot with either foot, he’s extraordinary.”

Huffard has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at the College of William & Mary 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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