

**ARCHBISHOP CURLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE
NAMED GATORADE MARYLAND 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 Landon Beckman of Archbishop Curley High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Maryland 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 Beckham as Maryland’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-3, 185-pound senior forward scored 19 goals and passed for 10 assists this past season, leading the Friars (12-7-2) to the Maryland Independent Athletic Association A Conference tournament semifinals. Beckman was the Maryland Association of Coaches of Soccer and MIAA Player of the Year. A 2025-26 United Soccer Coaches High School All-American as well, he concluded his prep career with 56 goals and 26 assists.

Beckman has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and as a youth soccer coach. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. “Landon’s physical presence on the field is what made him special,” said Mike St. Martin, head coach of Mount St. Joseph High School. “He did a good job using his body to hold possession of the ball during the build-out (from the midfield). Then he posted up in the box and scored against us in the air.”

Beckman has maintained a 3.60 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Loyola University 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, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X (Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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