

**ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE RHODE ISLAND 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 Nicholas Alberga of St. George's School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Rhode Island 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 Alberga as Rhode Island'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 5-foot-9, 150-pound senior midfielder scored six goals and passed for four assists this past season, leading the Dragons (10-6-3) to the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class B tournament quarterfinals. Alberga is a two-time Class B All-Star. He is also a two-time All-Independent School League First Team honoree.

A native of Montreal, Canada, Alberga is a member of the French National Honor Society at St. George's School and has volunteered locally as a peer French tutor. "Nico was a highly impactful player in our league and the biggest driving force behind the success of that St. George's team this year," said Chris Kane, head coach of Milton Academy. "He's a fantastically talented attacking player who can produce goals and moments of brilliance on the ball. He was the player you always had to account for."

Alberga has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Oakland University in Michigan 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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