

## CONCORD-CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 18, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Emmy O’Donnell of Concord-Carlisle High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls 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 O’Donnell as Massachusetts’ best high school girls soccer player, and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colorado), Riley Jackson (2021-22, Blessed Trinity Catholic High School, Georgia) and Addison Halpern (2024-25, Rutgers Preparatory School, New Jersey).

The 5-foot-4 junior midfielder scored 13 goals and passed for nine assists this past season, leading the Patriots (12-5-5) to the Division 1 state tournament semifinals. The Boston Globe Division 1 Player of the Year, O’Donnell is a member of both the U.S. Soccer Under-19 and Under-18 women’s national teams. Ranked as the No. 42 recruit in the Class of 2027 by TopDrawerSoccer.com, she was a United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection and the Eastern Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year.

O’Donnell has volunteered locally with the National Charity League, a mother-daughter organization whose members volunteer at area shelters, retirement communities and food pantries. She has also donated her time with A Shot for Life, a soccer exhibition fundraiser to benefit cancer research and as a youth soccer coach and counselor. “Emmy is a nightmare to coach against,” said Matt Wentworth, head coach of Lincoln-Sudbury High School. “If Emmy were just the most skilled player on the field, you could lock her down with a good athlete. If she were just super-athletic, you could have a smarter soccer player shut her down. But the fact that she is both the fastest and most technical player on the field makes it impossible to gameplan for her.”

O’Donnell has maintained a weighted 4.29 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play soccer at Duke University 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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