

**FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE
NEVADA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 18, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Olivia Stark of Faith Lutheran High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Nevada 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 Stark as Nevada’s 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 senior midfielder led the Crusaders to a 18-2 record and the Class 5A state title this past season. Stark scored 22 goals and passed for 16 assists, earning her a second 5A Golden Boot award as leading scorer. A two-time 5A Offensive Player of the Year and three-time First Team All-State selection, she’s ranked as the No. 16 recruit in the Rocky Mountains/Southwest Region by TopDrawer Soccer.

Stark has volunteered locally with Just One Project, an organization that packs and delivers food to families in need. She’s also donated her time with the Miracle League, where she coaches soccer for physically and intellectually challenged youth players. “Olivia Stark utilizes her speed to create scoring opportunities for herself and her teammates,” said Erica Peeples, head coach of Arbor View High School. “She has great movement off the ball which creates scoring chances. If I could just choose the Gatorade Player of the Year, I would pick Olivia Stark due to her offensive presence.”

Stark has maintained a 3.88 GPA in the classroom. She has verbally agreed to play soccer on scholarship at University of California, Irvine 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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