

HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Cassidy Engle of Hollis Brookline High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade New Hampshire 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 Engle as New Hampshire’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 defender anchored a defense that allowed five goals and recorded 14 shutouts this past season, leading the Cavaliers (17-1-1) to the Division II state championship game. Engle, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee in the state final, was the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association Division II Player of the Year. An NHSCA First Team All-State selection, she was also a United Soccer Coaches All-New England Region honoree.

Engle is a member of the Scouting America’s Troop 22, where she has served as a Senior Patrol Leader and helped run her town’s Scouting for Food campaign to support local food pantries. She has volunteered locally at a horse farm and as a youth soccer coach. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church. “All I can say is I am thankful I do not have to face Cassidy anymore,” said Scott Locasto, head coach of Milford High School. “She was a leader for her team. She reads the game very well, which makes it tough for opponents to break their back line. She made everyone around her better.”

Engle, who attends the Academy for Science and Design charter school in Nashua, has maintained a weighted 3.85 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer on scholarship at Pace 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](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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