

MARCELLUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW YORK 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 Alexis Fragnito of Marcellus High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade New York 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 Fragnito as New York’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-7 junior forward and midfielder led the Mustangs to a 21-2 record and the Class B state championship this past season. Fragnito scored 44 goals and passed for 17 assists, including one score in Marcellus High School’s 2-0 win over Livonia High in the state final. A two-time Class B Player of the Year, Fragnito missed four games early in the season while attending a camp with the U.S. Soccer Under-17 Women’s National Team and another later in the season while training with Gotham FC of the National Women’s Soccer League. She concluded her junior year with 95 goals and 38 assists in her prep career.

Fragnito has volunteered locally with Micah’s Mission, a 3v3 soccer fundraising event to benefit the disabled son of a local soccer trainer and coach. She has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach as well as on behalf of multiple community service initiatives through her church. “Lexie is a fierce competitor,” said Patrick Connors, head coach of Westhill High School. “She is strong, she sees the field, she knows and reads the game incredibly well. She’s also lethal in the open field.”

Fragnito has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on scholarship at Penn State 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 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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