

THE SUMMIT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OHIO 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 Mia Stevens of The Summit Country Day School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Ohio 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 Stevens as Ohio’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-8 senior midfielder and forward led the Silver Knights to a 22-0-2 record and the Division IV state championship this past season. Stevens scored 34 goals and passed for 18 assists, setting up a goal in the state final as Summit beat Columbus Academy, 4-0. She netted 10 game-winning goals on the year. Stevens concluded her prep career as the program leader in games-played (93), goals (72), assists (42) and points (186). The two-time Ohio Division IV Player of the Year, she was also a 2025 United Soccer Coaches All-American selection.

Stevens has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach. “Mia Stevens is a special player,” said Theresa Hirschauer, head coach of Cincinnati Country Day School. “There are plenty of great strikers, outstanding playmakers and dominating defenders. The piece that separates Mia is her complete game, where she fits all categories. No matter the team or division, Mia would have been the star. The final complement was her ability to blend and support other players on Summit’s team. She was the star who played her best in the big games, but led and helped bring the other players to another level.”

Stevens has maintained a 4.07 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer on scholarship at The Ohio State 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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