

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE
NAMED GATORADE TEXAS 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 Carolina Reyna of St. Stephen's Episcopal School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Texas 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 Reyna as Texas' 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-5 junior midfielder and forward led the Spartans to a 11-1 record and the Southwest Preparatory Conference Class 4A state final this past season. Reyna scored 16 goals and passed for 8 assists, netting a hat trick as St. Stephens beat Greenhill School, 3-0, in the state semifinals. She also scored the game-winner in the state championship game as a sophomore. Reyna has represented the U.S. at the U-15 through U-17 level and was the Golden Boot winner in the 2024 U-15 CONCACAF Championships. An All-Southwest Preparatory Conference selection, she's ranked as the nation's No. 18 recruit in her class and No. 3 in the Texas Region by TopDrawerSoccer. She is the daughter of Claudio Reyna, the 1990-91 Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year, who played in three World Cup tournaments for Team USA from 1998-2006.

Reyna has volunteered locally with Festival Beach Community Garden, which grows food for local food pantries. She has also donated her time with Special Olympics Texas. "Carolina steps on the field and makes an immediate impact," said Cassidy Williams, head coach at the The Kinkaid School. "She's the type of player who is confident on the ball and creates all kinds of havoc for opposing teams. She orchestrates the game and is the main offensive player; creative, powerful and hard to mark. She also elevates her team—she's not the type of player who makes it about the individual."

Reyna has maintained an A-minus GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play soccer at the University of North Carolina 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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