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**CHASE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE CONNECTICUT GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 6, 2014) — In its 29<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Sarah McCauley of Chase Collegiate School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Connecticut Girls Soccer Player of the Year. McCauley is the first Gatorade Connecticut Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Chase Collegiate School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes McCauley as Connecticut's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, McCauley joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The returning Gatorade Connecticut Player of the Year, the 5-foot-7 senior forward led the Highlanders to a 15-3-3 record and the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class D championship this past season. McCauley scored 52 goals and passed for 17 assists with 10 hat tricks in 21 games. She was a four-time NEPSAC Class D All-Star, a three-time Boston Globe All-Scholastic and concluded her prep soccer career with 195 goals and 74 assists.

McCauley has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. Captain of the Chase Collegiate Math Team, she has volunteered locally as a youth mentor in addition to fundraising to combat breast cancer and assist AIDS research. She's also donated her time to the Afghan Youth Sports Exchange, which helps empower Afghani girls through soccer.

"I didn't see any players that were as effective as Sarah McCauley this year," said Kristin Runey, head coach of Suffield Academy. "She was the reason her team beat us. She singlehandedly carried her team. She's fast, strong, skilled and has a great sense of the game."

McCauley has verbally committed to attend Yale University, where she will play soccer beginning this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Two-time winner McCauley joins Gatorade Connecticut Girls Soccer Players of the Year Paula Hagopian (2011-12, Kingswood Oxford School), Riley Houle (2010-11, Windham High School), Kate McCarthy (2009-10, The Loomis Chaffee School), Jessica Schloth (2008-09, St. Joseph High School), Alex Uscilla (2007-08, St. Joseph High School), and Bianca D'Agostino (2006-07, Loomis Chaffee School) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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