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**RAMAPO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE NEW JERSEY 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 Caroline Chagares of Ramapo High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade New Jersey Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Chagares is the first Gatorade New Jersey Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Ramapo High 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 Chagares as New Jersey'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, Chagares 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 2011-12 Gatorade New Jersey Player of the Year, the senior midfielder scored 34 goals and passed for 11 assists this past season, leading the Green Raiders (16-5) to the second round of the North 1, Group 3 tournament. A three-time All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Chagares is a member of the U.S. Soccer Under-20 Women's National Team player pool. She concluded her prep soccer career with 112 goals and 45 assists.

Chagares has maintained a weighted 3.76 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Ramapo High Academic Decathlon team, she has served as an intern at the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic in Cambridge, Mass. Chagares has also donated her time as a freshman ambassador at her school and as a youth soccer coach.

"Caroline Chagares has great versatility and the ability to create as well as score," said Jeff Yearling, head coach of Ridgewood High. "She is multi-faceted as a player and someone you can build around."

Chagares has verbally committed to attend Harvard 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 Chagares joins Gatorade New Jersey Girls Soccer Players of the Year Clare Shea (2012-13, Northern Highlands Regional High School), Danielle Colaprico (2010-11, Red Bank Catholic High School), Kaitlyn Kerr (2009-10 & 2008-09, The Pennington School), Shannon Mayrose (2007-08, Freehold High School), and Ingrid Wells (2006-07, Montclair) among the state's list of former award winners.

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