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**BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE ARIZONA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 13, 2014) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Adam Mosharrafa of Brophy College Preparatory as its 2013-14 Gatorade Arizona Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Mosharrafa is the fourth Gatorade Arizona Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Brophy College Preparatory.

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 Mosharrafa as Arizona's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Mosharrafa 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 6-foot-2, 175-pound senior forward and defender led the Broncos to a 21-2 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Mosharrafa scored 15 goals and passed for five assists, switching from offense to defense late in the regular season. The Arizona Tribune All-Arizona Big Schools Player of the Year, he was also a First Team All-State selection.

Mosharrafa has maintained a weighted 4.33 GPA in the classroom. He founded Brophy's Middle Eastern Club, which meets monthly to discuss different cultures, and he also organizes clothing and food drives for St. Vincent de Paul. He has also volunteered locally as a youth tutor and child-care provider.

"We had a couple of kids make mental mistakes because of Adam's positioning, defending and knowledge of the game," said Kenny Hack, head coach of Notre Dame Prep. "He could play on both sides of the ball, offensively and defensively, and even when trying to deny him the spot, his body would allow him to go where he needed to in order to make the correct play."

Mosharrafa has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Stanford University 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.

Mosharrafa joins recent Gatorade Arizona Boys Soccer Players of the Year Mason Robertson (2012-13, Pinnacle High School), Danny Arrubla (2011-12, Hamilton High School), Riggs Lennon (2010 - 11, Brophy College Preparatory), George Malki (2009-10, Pinnacle), Nick Ayers (2008-09 Brophy College Preparatory), Temi Molinar (2007-08, Brophy College Preparatory), and Kyle Ciliento (2006-2007, Pinnacle) among the state's list of former award winners.

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