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Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE Indiana GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (February 4, 2016) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced **Alia Martin of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School** as its **2015-16 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Martin is the second Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory 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 Martin as Indiana’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, Martin 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 5-foot-10 junior midfielder led the Braves to a 22-2-1 record and the Class 2A state championship this past season. Martin scored 14 goals and passed for 29 assists, including a pair of assists in Brebeuf’s 2-1 win over Penn in the state final. A three-time First Team All-State pick, she was an All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and is the No. 24-rated recruit in the Class of 2017 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Martin has maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A member of Brebeuf’s Student Athlete Leadership Team, she has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and served on a mission trip to Costa Rica, where she worked at a school for underprivileged children of single mothers.

“Alia Martin makes Brebeuf go from the midfield,” said Ramon Aguillon, head coach of Zionsville High. “She can create and set up other players for success.”

Martin has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at the University of Michigan beginning in the fall of 2017.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](http://www.gatorade.com/poy/overview.aspx) 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](http://www.usatodayhss.com/customize), 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.

Martin joins recent Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Reilly Martin (2014-15, Brebeuf Jesuit), Cassidy Blacha (2013-14, Avon High School), Gracie Lachowecki (2012-13, Reitz Memorial Catholic High School), Brooke Backes (2011-12, Carmel High School), Sarah Killion (2010–11, 2009-10 & 2008–09, Bishop Dwenger High School), Ashley Auld (2007-08, Noblesville High School), and Julie Scheidler (2006-07, Bishop Chatard High School) among the state’s list of former award winners.

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