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**SOUTH ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALASKA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Sabrina Jolin of South Anchorage High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Alaska Softball Player of the Year. Jolin is the second Gatorade Alaska Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from South Anchorage 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 Jolin as Alaska's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Jolin joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Catherine Osterman (2000-01, Cy Spring High School, Texas), Kelsey Stewart (2009-10, Arkansas City High School, Kan.), Carley Hoover (2012-13 D.W. Daniel High School, S.C.), Jenna Lilley (2012-13, Hoover High School, Ohio), Morgan Zerkle (2012-13 Cabell Midland High School, W. Va.), and Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-6 junior right-handed pitcher and first baseman was named the best player in the state by MaxPreps.com during the 2020 preseason. Pitching for the NorCal Firecrackers over the summer and fall against elite-level national competition, Jolin touched 61 mph with her fastball. Last spring with South High, Jolin compiled a .610 batting average with 54 runs batted in, 41 runs scored, 27 extra-base hits and a 1.207 slugging percentage. She was 13-2 in the circle with a 1.43 earned run average and 62 strikeouts.

Jolin has volunteered locally as part of a food drive to benefit a women's shelter, and she has donated her time as a youth softball coach. "Sabrina puts in the extra time to perfect her pitches and her batting," said Joe White, head coach of South High. "She has a tremendous work ethic."

Jolin has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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 and field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Two-time winner Jolin joins Gatorade Alaska Softball Players of the Year Daisy Page (2017-18 & 2015-15, East Anchorage High School), Danni Desjarlais (2016-17, South Anchorage High School), and Taria Page (2014-15, East Anchorage High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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