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THE KISKI SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 12, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced David Egbo of The Kiski School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Egbo is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from The Kiski 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 Egbo as Pennsylvania'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 June, Egbo joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 6-foot, 185-pound senior forward scored 15 goals and passed for seven assists this past season, leading the Cougars (10-6-2) to the Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association state tournament semifinals. Selected to play in the High School All-American Game in North Carolina in December, Egbo has also participated in a training camp with the Under-17 Nigerian National Team. He is rated as the No. 74 recruit in the Class of 2017 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

A head waiter in the Kiski School dining hall, Egbo has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach. "David has the rare combination of size, speed and technical ability," said Owen Finberg, head coach of South Kent (Conn.) School. "He is a tremendous athlete who can power by defenders with strength or accelerate past them with a great first step."

Egbo has maintained a weighted 3.04 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Akron 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, 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.

Egbo joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Players of the Year Evan Vare (2015-16, Central Bucks East High School), Robbie Mertz (2014-15, Upper St. Clair High School), Colten Habecker (2013-14, The Hill School), Brett Campbell (2012-13 & 2011-12, The Haverford School), Zach Batteer (2010-11, Mt. Lebanon High School), Joseph Schmid (2009-10, Wyoming Valley West High School), Andrew Wenger (2008-09, Warwick High School), Shane Pruitt (2007-08, Peters Township High School), and Bobby Warshaw (2006-07, Mechanicsburg High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, David will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

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