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**PUNAHOU SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII 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 Duncan McKenna of Punahou School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Player of the Year. McKenna is the sixth Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Punahou 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 McKenna as Hawaii'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, McKenna 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 led the Buff n' Blu to a 13-2-2 record and the Division I state championship this past season. McKenna scored 16 goals and passed for 11 assists, including one tally in Punahou's 2-1 win over Kaiser High in the state final. The Honolulu Star-Advertiser Player of the Year, he was the ILH Offensive Player of the Year and the Division I state tournament's most outstanding player.

An Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, McKenna has volunteered as a Boy Scouts group leader and as part of multiple community-service initiatives through his church. "Duncan McKenna was a dangerous and impactful player, especially in the big games and big moments," said Ryan Lau, head coach of Kapolei High School. "He could play in space and most importantly while marked or when space was limited."

McKenna has maintained a 3.42 GPA in the classroom. He will attend Brigham Young University, where he 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 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.

McKenna joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Players of the Year Tyler Ohata (2015-16, Punahou School), Nai'a Graham (2014-15, Kailua High School), KJ Ahlo (2013-14, Iolani School), Leo Klink (2012-13 & 2011-12, Kalani High School), Scott Granger (2010-11, Punahou School), Cody Sullivan (2009-10, Mid-Pacific Institute), Nick Goo (2008-09, Iolani School), Zane Dydasco (2007-08, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama), and Kekoa Osorio (2006-07, Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama Campus) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Duncan 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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