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**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Arlie Jones of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Jones is the fifth Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Jones as Nevada'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 June, Jones 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 5-foot-6 senior forward and midfielder scored 32 goals and passed for 13 assists this past season, leading the Gaels (21-3-1) to the Class 4A Sunset Region Tournament semifinals. Jones was an All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and participated in the High School All-American Game in North Carolina in December. She missed five games in October to compete in the Women's International Cup in Belfast, Ireland, with the U.S. Soccer Under-18 Women's National Team and is rated as the nation's No. 23 recruit in the Class of 2017 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Jones has volunteered locally as part of multiple community-service initiatives with the National Charity League and as a youth soccer coach. "Arlie is an exciting and talented player to watch who truly makes an impact on both sides of the ball," said Catherine Davis, head coach of Green Valley High School. "She is an extremely talented attacker but also transitions very well to defense."

Jones has maintained a weighted 3.34 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Southern California 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.

Jones joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Players of the Year Taylor Kornieck (2015-16, Coronado High School), Michaela Morris (2014-15, Coronado High School), Sydney Sladek (2013-14, Pahrump Valley High School), Nicole Westover (2012-13, Green Valley High School), Haley Wingender (2011-12, Bishop Gorman High School), Lauren Kaskie (2010-11, Palo Verde High School), McKenzie Karas (2009-10, Arbor View High School), Zakiya Bywaters (2008-09, Rancho High School), and Jenna Riddle (2007-08 & 2006-07, Centennial High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Arlie 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.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy.

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