

**BREWSTER ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Bailey Kolinski of Brewster Academy as its 2016-17 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Kolinski is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Brewster Academy.

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 Kolinski as New Hampshire'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, Kolinski 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-7 senior goalkeeper allowed just six goals and recorded 11 shutouts in 15 games this past season, leading the Bobcats (11-4-2) to the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class C tournament quarterfinals. A Boston Globe NEPSAC All-Star, Kolinski participated in the High School All-American Game in North Carolina in December. She ended the regular season with eight straight clean sheets and concluded her prep soccer career with 38 shutouts in 66 games.

Kolinski has volunteered locally at a soup kitchen and with Brewster Big Friends, which specializes in creating fun activities for children. "Bailey is the kind of goalkeeper that makes big-time saves or who can bail out a team even if they are having a terrible day defensively," said Hannah Matlack, head coach of New Hampton School. "She was a wall in the goal and a huge factor in their success."

Kolinski has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at Ohio State University 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.

Kolinski joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Soccer Players of the Year Gabi Brummett (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, The Derryfield School), Morgan Andrews (2012-13, 2011-12 & 2010-11, Milford High School), Kailey Blain (2009-10 & 2008-09, Merrimack High School), Kristy Zurmuhlen (2007-08, Fall Mountain Regional High School), and Lindsey Miller (2006-07, Bishop Guertin High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Bailey 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.