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**SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE OREGON GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 2017) — In its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Kaillen Fried of Sherwood High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Fried is the first Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Sherwood 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 Fried as Oregon'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, Fried 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-4 senior forward led the Bowmen to a 16-2-1 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Fried scored 17 goals and passed for seven assists. The Oregonian's Class 6A Player of the Year, Fried is also a two-time First Team All-State selection and a three-time Three Rivers League First Team honoree. She concluded her prep soccer career with 40 goals and 21 assists.

Fried has volunteered locally on a community beautification project and as a youth camp counselor. She also sponsors a child in Rwanda, supplying him with food, clothing and an education. "Kaillen was instrumental in winning the state championship this season," said Kale Dwight, head coach of Tualatin High School. "She was an on-field presence that couldn't be ignored. She was absolutely fantastic."

Fried has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at Oregon 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.

Fried joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Players of the Year Lucy Davidson (2015-16 & 2014-15, Scappoose High School), Jill Farley (2013-14, Tualatin High School), Ashlee Schulz (2012-13, Thurston High School), Anna-Marie Popma (2011-12, Tualatin High School), Maryn Beutler (2010-11, Bend Senior High School), Sarah Bridges (2009-10, Jesuit High School), Kendall Johnson (2008-09, Lincoln High School), and Courtney Verloo (2007-08 & 2006-07, Tualatin High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Kaillen 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](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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