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**ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOYS FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 11, 2017) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Kevin Doyle of St. John's College High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade District of Columbia Football Player of the Year. Doyle is the sixth Gatorade District of Columbia Football Player of the Year to be chosen from St. John's College 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 Doyle as District of Columbia's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in December, Doyle joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Mitchell Trubisky (2012-13, Mentor High School, Ohio), Greg Olsen (2002-03, Wayne Hills High School, N.J.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06 Highland Park High School, Texas), Harrison Smith (2006-07 Knoxville Catholic High School, Tenn.), Latavius Murray (2007-08, Onondaga High School, N.Y.), Brock Osweiler (2008-09, Flathead High School, Mont.) and Leonard Fournette (2014-15 & 2012-13, St. Augustine High School, La.).

The 6-foot-4, 210-pound senior quarterback passed for 2,635 yards and 22 touchdowns this past season, leading the Cadets to a 9-2 record and their first Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship in 28 years. Doyle completed 171 of 280 passes and was intercepted just five times. He was a First Team All-WCAC selection.

A devoted member of his church community, Doyle has volunteered on behalf of the SMART Congressional student-empowerment initiative. "We've played against some great quarterbacks over the years, but Doyle is one of the best quarterbacks we've seen in person in our school's history," said Justin Alumbaugh, head coach at De La Salle (Calif.) High. "He's got a great arm, great poise and he's very accurate. He's just very, very good."

Doyle has maintained a 3.26 GPA in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at the University of Michigan in the fall of 2018.

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.

Doyle joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Football Players of the Year Kasim Hill (2016-17, St. John's College High School), Terrell Hall (2015-16, St. John's College High School), Richie Petitbon (2014-15, Gonzaga College High School), D'Andre Payne (2013-14, H.D. Woodson High School), Yannick Ngakoue (2012-13, Friendship Collegiate Academy), Albert Reid (2011-12, Friendship Collegiate Academy), Kevin Hogan (2010-11, Gonzaga College High School), and Ricardo Young (2009-10, H.D. Woodson High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Doyle 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 the conversation on Twitter #GatoradePOY. 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 <http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com/>.