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## NATIONAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 4, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Logan Robinson of National Cathedral School as its 2017-18 Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Player of the Year. Robinson is the third Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from National Cathedral 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 Robinson as District of Columbia's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Robinson joins an elite alumni association of past state softball award-winners, including Catherine Osterman (2000-01, Cy Spring High School, Texas), Kelsey Stewart (2009-10, Arkansas City High School, Kan.), Carley Hoover (2012-13 D.W. Daniel High School, S.C.), Jenna Lilley (2012-13, Hoover High School, Ohio), Morgan Zerkle (2012-13 Cabell Midland High School, W. Va.), and Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-9 senior right-handed pitcher led the Eagles (12-3) to their third straight District of Columbia State Athletic Association championship this past season. Robinson compiled a 7-3 record with a 2.78 ERA in the circle, along with a .512 batting average and 14 RBI. She struck out 101 batters and walked just 13 in 63 innings pitched. A four-time All-League honoree, Robinson has twice been named MVP of the DCSAA title game and was a Washington Post All-Met Honorable Mention selection.

Robinson has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics as well as a mentoring program for middle school students and youth softball clinics.

Robinson has maintained a 3.31 GPA in the classroom. She will attend Carleton College this fall, where she will play softball.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Robinson joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Players of the Year Sydney Love-Baker (2016-17 & 2015-16, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School), Alee Burke (2014-15, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School), Sarah Ing (2013-14, 2012-13 & 2011-12, National Cathedral School), Caroline Sealander (2010-11 & 2009-10, Maret School), Christina Clark (2008-09, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School), and Alie Kolbe (2007-08 & 2006-07, National Cathedral School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Logan 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 <u>http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com/</u>.

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