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**SEVERNA PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® MARYLAND SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 4, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Campbell Kline of Severna Park High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Maryland Softball Player of the Year. Kline is the second Gatorade Maryland Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Severna Park 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 Kline as Maryland's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Kline 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-7 junior shortstop led the Falcons to a 25-2 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Kline produced a .750 batting average with 12 doubles, six triples, eight home runs, 53 runs scored, 39 runs batted in and a 1.272 slugging percentage. She compiled a state-record 69 hits with 24 multi-hit games, and her 148 career hits is just 18 shy of the state record. The 2017 Anne Arundel County Player of the Year, she carries a 32-game-hit streak into her senior season and has been held hitless just six times in her high school career.

Kline has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and as a youth softball coach.

Kline has maintained a weighted 3.80 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play softball on scholarship at the University of Maryland beginning in the fall of 2019.

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.

Kline joins recent Gatorade Maryland Softball Players of the Year Kaitlin Beasley-Polko (2016-17, Leonardtown High School), Madison Aughinbaugh (2015-16, St. Mary's Ryken High School), Nicole Stockinger (2014-15, Sherwood High School), Jordan Cargile (2013-14, Eastern Technical High School), Jess Cummings (2012-13 & 2011-12, Northern High School), Kaitlyn Schmeiser (2010-11, Northern High School), Kourtney Salvarola (2009-10, Broadneck High School), Melanie Mitchell (2008-09, McDonough High School), Lauren Gibson (2007-08, Chesapeake High School), and Kerry Hickey (2006-07, Huntingtown High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Campbell 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/>.