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BROOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE COLORADO GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 18, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Hailey Stodden of Broomfield High School** as its **2017-18 Gatorade Colorado Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Stodden is the first Gatorade Colorado Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Broomfield 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 Stodden as Colorado'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, Stodden 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 (2004-05, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 5-foot-7 senior forward scored 32 goals and passed for 10 assists this past season, leading the Eagles (18-1-1) to the Class 5A state championship game. Stodden tallied 10 multi-goal games including seven hat tricks. A member of the U.S. Soccer Under-19 Women's National Team player pool, Stodden is a two-time Front Range League Player of the Year. She concluded her prep soccer career with 87 goals and 35 assists.

Stodden has volunteered locally with Precious Child, filling back-packs for children in need. She has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach. "I had to change my whole lineup just to try to contain Hailey," said Brenda Olivas, head coach of Poudre High. "She is a great player."

Stodden has maintained a weighted 3.63 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Utah 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.

Stodden joins recent Gatorade Colorado Girls Soccer Players of the Year Shae Holmes (2016-17, ThunderRidge High School), Julie Mackin (2015-16, Castle View High School), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School), Kaycie Young (2013-14, Rock Canyon High School), Gabbi Miranda (2012-13, Mountain Vista High School), Janine Beckie (2011-12, Valor Christian High School), Annie Kunz (2010-11 & 2009-10, Wheat Ridge High School), Olivia Wagner (2008-09, Dawson School), Beth West (2007-08, Grandview), and Brittney MacDonald (2006-07, J.K. Mullen) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Stodden 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.

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