

SOUTH ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ALASKA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 30, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Sabrina Jolin of South Anchorage High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Alaska Softball Player of the Year**. Jolin is the first Gatorade Alaska Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from South Anchorage 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 Jolin as Alaska's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Jolin 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-6 sophomore right-handed pitcher and first baseman had led the Wolverines to a 22-2 record and a berth in the Division I state tournament at the time of her selection. Jolin owned a 12-1 record in the circle with a 0.65 ERA and 58 strikeouts thru 24 games. At the plate, she batted .642 with 10 home runs, 26 extra-base hits, 37 runs scored and 47 RBI. Already South's single-season home run record-holder, she compiled a .699 on-base percentage and a 1.358 slugging percentage.

Jolin has volunteered locally as part of community-beautification projects and as a youth softball pitching coach. "Sabrina is having a monster season," said Chris Wilson, an assistant coach for Service High. "She was a gap hitter last year, but now she is a genuine threat every at-bat."

Jolin has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Jolin joins recent Gatorade Alaska Softball Players of the Year Daisy Page (2017-18 & 2015-16, East Anchorage High School), Danni Desjarlais (2016-17, South Anchorage High School), and Taria Page (2014-15 & 2013-14, East Anchorage High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Jolin also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of her choosing. She is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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