

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 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 **Jamie Wang of National Cathedral School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Player of the Year**. Wang is the first 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 Wang as District of Columbia'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, Wang 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 6-foot, senior, right-handed pitcher led the Eagles (10-6) to their fourth straight District of Columbia State Athletic Association championship this past season. Wang compiled a 10-4 record with a 1.79 ERA, along with a .560 batting average and 22 RBI. She struck out 168 batters in 97.2 innings pitched. The DCSAA Player of the Year, Wang was also a First Team Washington Post All-Met selection.

Also a talented artist, Wang has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and youth sports programs. "Jamie Wang is very poised and commands the mound as a pitcher," said Donna Stallworth, head coach at Georgetown Day School. "She's very confident at the plate too and she's been a driving force for her team."

Wang has maintained a 3.76 GPA in the classroom. She will attend the University of Pennsylvania 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.

Wang joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Players of the Year Logan Robinson (2017-18, National Cathedral School), Sydney Love-Baker (2016-17 & 2015-16, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School), Alee Burke (2014-15, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School) and Sarah Ing (2013-14, National Cathedral School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Wang 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.