

BRUSLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE LOUISIANA 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 **Mary-Cathryn Comeaux of Brusly High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Louisiana Softball Player of the Year**. Comeaux is the first Gatorade Louisiana Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brusly 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 Comeaux as Louisiana'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, Comeaux 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-5 senior right-handed pitcher led the Panthers to a 35-2 record and the Class 3A state championship this past season. Comeaux compiled a 25-1 record with a 0.56 earned run average, striking out 288 batters against just 14 walks in 163 innings pitched. She allowed just 57 hits and fired three no-hitters. At the plate, the three-time First Team All-State selection batted .500 with 17 doubles, 10 home runs, 36 RBI and a .922 slugging percentage.

A member of the Brusly High student council, Comeaux has volunteered locally as part of fundraising campaigns to benefit cancer research, and she has donated her time as a youth softball coach. "Mary-Cathryn is an extremely hard worker with great attention to detail," said Beau Bouvier, head coach of Brusly High. "She understands spins, counts and hitter placement. She is a competitor, but has great composure at the plate and on the mound."

Comeaux has maintained a weighted 4.09 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play softball on scholarship at Southeastern Louisiana University 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.

Comeaux joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Softball Players of the Year Kennedy Hebert (2017-18, Morgan City High School), Emma Callie (EC) Delafield (2016-17, North DeSoto High School), Jensen Howell (2015-16, Holy Savior Menard Central High School), Kara Gremillion (2014-15, St. Amant High School) and Katie Brignac (2013-14, John Curtis Christian School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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