

BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA 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 **Logan Gronberg of Bismarck High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade North Dakota Softball Player of the Year**. Gronberg is the first Gatorade North Dakota Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bismarck 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 Gronberg as North Dakota'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, Gronberg 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-10 freshman right-handed pitcher and corner infielder had led the Demons to a 26-3 record and a berth in the Class A state quarterfinals at the time of her selection. Gronberg batted .670 with 15 home runs, 67 RBI and 38 runs scored along with a 1.289 slugging percentage through 29 games. A First Team All-State selection as an eighth-grader, she owned a 12-2 record in the circle with 101 strikeouts in 82.2 innings pitched.

Gronberg has volunteered locally at Papa's Pumpkin Patch and as a youth softball coach. "Logan has executed offensively and defensively," said Andrea Frantz, head coach of Legacy High. "She is an aggressive hitter and definitely strong enough to do damage to any game. She has a workhorse mindset and gets the job done."

Gronberg has maintained a 3.89 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her sophomore 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.

Gronberg joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Softball Players of the Year Jordanne McNeilly (2017-18, Dickinson High School), Stephi Dullum (2016-17 & 2015-16, West Fargo High School), Hannah Stewart (2014-15, Bishop Ryan Catholic High School) and Brittany Rheault (2013-14, West Fargo High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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