

TUTTLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 **Macy McAdoo of Tuttle High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Player of the Year**. McAdoo is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Tuttle 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 McAdoo as Oklahoma'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, McAdoo 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 Tigers (35-1) to the Class 4A state championship this past season. McAdoo compiled a 24-0 record with a 1.00 ERA, striking out 228 batters and surrendering just 47 hits in 126 innings pitched. The two-time Little All-City Player of the Year, she is ranked as the nation's No. 29 recruit in the Class of 2019 by Softball America.

McAdoo has volunteered locally feeding the homeless, assisting with tornado relief efforts and coaching youth softball players. "Macy McAdoo was as dominant a pitcher as I've seen," said Chance Griffin, head coach at McLoud High. "It was impressive how she was able to get it done against everyone, no matter how big the stage."

McAdoo has maintained a 3.65 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Oklahoma 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.

McAdoo joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Players of the Year Olivia Rains (2017-18, Pryor High School), Sydney Sherrill (2016-17, Southmoore High School), Makenzie Flewellen (2015-16, Drumright High School), Jayden Chestnut (2014-15, Mustang High School) and Katelyn Brown (2013-14, Southmoore High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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