

CONWAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ARKANSAS GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 13, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Kailyn 'KK' Pavatt of Conway High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Arkansas Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Pavatt is the first Gatorade Arkansas Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Conway 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 Pavatt as Arkansas' best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Pavatt joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 5-foot-6 junior forward and midfielder scored 32 goals and passed for 12 assists this past season, leading the Wampus Cats (19-2-1) to the Class 6A state championship game. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she recorded seven multi-goal games including six hat tricks. She concluded her junior year with 56 goals and 28 assists in her prep soccer career.

Pavatt has volunteered locally with Tacos 4 Life and she has donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. "Pavatt is versatile and can play multiple positions," said Kerry Castillo, head coach of Cabot High. "She is a goal-scoring threat in any situation whether it's in the run of play, a counter-attack or a set piece."

Pavatt has maintained a 3.83 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior 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.

Pavatt joins recent Gatorade Arkansas Girls Soccer Players of the Year Skylurr Patrick (2017-18, Rogers High School), Caroline Campbell (2016-17 & 2015-16, Bryant High School), and McKenzie Dixon (2014-15 & 2013-14, Bentonville High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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