

ST. JOHNS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE FLORIDA 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 **Kamy Loustau of St. Johns Country Day School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Florida Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Loustau is the fourth Gatorade Florida Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Johns Country Day 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 Loustau as Florida's 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, Loustau 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-7 senior forward led the Spartans to a 21-2 record and an eighth-straight Class 1A state championship this past season. Loustau recorded 32 goals and 22 assists. The Florida Dairy Farmers Class 1A State Player of the Year, Loustau is a four-time First Team All-State selection. The Spartans were 93-2-1 during her four years on varsity, and she concluded her prep soccer career with 100 goals and 75 assists.

The president of the St. Johns Country Day student council, Loustau also serves as co-editor in chief of the school yearbook. She has volunteered locally as a youth soccer referee and has donated her time on behalf of multiple community service initiatives through her church. "Kamy has a good combination of speed, skill and awareness that sets her apart from most soccer players," said Tony Kidd, head coach of Leon High. "She was instrumental in their success against us. She makes her presence known."

Loustau has maintained a weighted 4.66 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to attend Princeton University, where she will play soccer, beginning 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.

Loustau joins recent Gatorade Florida Girls Soccer Players of the Year Abbey Newton (2017-18, St. Johns Country Day School), Bella Dorosy (2016-17 & 2015-16, St. Thomas Aquinas High School), Chelsea Burns (2014-15, St. Johns Country Day School) and Bri Folds (2013-14, Lakeland Christian School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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