

TABOR ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 **Cat Barry of Tabor Academy** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Barry is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Tabor Academy.

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 Barry as Massachusetts' 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, Barry 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 6-foot junior forward led the Seawolves to a 15-2-2 record and the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class B tournament championship this past season. Barry recorded 33 goals and 11 assists, including a pair of scores in a 4-3, shootout win over Thayer Academy in the NEPSAC tournament final. The Independent School League Offensive Player of the Year, Barry was also a United Soccer Coaches All-American selection. She concluded her junior year with 61 goals and 32 assists in her prep soccer career.

The head tour guide at Tabor, Barry has volunteered locally as a peer tutor. She has also donated her time teaching English to recent immigrants and as a youth soccer coach. "Cat was so dominant," said Peter Kahn, head coach of Milton Academy. "She scored a ton of goals even though everyone was keying on her defensively."

Barry has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on scholarship at the University of South Carolina beginning in the fall of 2020.

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.

Barry joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Players of the Year Kayla Duran (2017-18, Buckingham Browne & Nichols School), Eve Hewins (2016-17, Hingham High School), Brooke Heinsohn (2015-16, The Rivers School), Gaby Carreiro (2014-15, Nipmuc Regional High School) and Eve Goulet (2013-14, Sutton High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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