

**LOVELAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE COLORADO SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Laurin Krings of Loveland High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Colorado Softball Player of the Year. Krings is the second Gatorade Colorado Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Loveland 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 Krings as Colorado'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, Krings joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, 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-8 senior right-handed pitcher led the Indians (24-4) to the Class 5A quarterfinals this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Softball Player of the Year, Krings posted a 24-4 record with a 0.59 ERA, walking just 21 batters while striking out 339 in 167 innings pitched. A First Team All-State selection and the Front Range League Pitcher of the Year, she also batted .455 with 11 home runs and 30 RBI, despite being intentionally walked 31 times.

Krings has volunteered locally on behalf of food-donation drives and youth softball programs. "Laurin Krings is an outstanding talent," said Dave Philop, head coach at Fossil Ridge High. "She can dominate you on any given day and she's not just a thrower. She's also an outstanding hitter. Some teams wouldn't even pitch to her."

Krings has maintained a 3.48 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Missouri.

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 and 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.

Two-time winner Krings joins Gatorade Colorado Softball Players of the Year Ali Kilponen (2017-18, Valor Christian High School), Linnie Malkin (2016-17, Broomfield High School), Haley Donaldson (2015-16, Fossil Ridge High School) ,and Savannah Heebner (2014-15, Castle View High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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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