

**CARSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA 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 Kailee Luschar of Carson High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Nevada Softball Player of the Year. Luschar is the first Gatorade Nevada Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Carson 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 Luschar as Nevada'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, Luschar 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-7 senior and infielder was named a PGF Western Region All-American in 2020 and concluded her prep career with a .510 average, 11 home runs, 90 stolen bases and a .580 on-base percentage. An All-State honoree, Luschar ranks as the nation's No. 97 prospect in the Class of 2020 by Extra Inning Softball. She batted .579 for the Senators (23-9) in 2019 with four home runs, 26 RBI, 44 runs scored and 35 stolen bases.

Luschar has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and youth softball programs. "Kailee Luschar will go down as one of the best athletes to ever come out of Carson High School," said Carson coach Carlos Mendeguia. "Her drive and determination are second to none and she's a great teammate too. I've been coaching for 27 years, boys and girls, and Kailee is by far the best athlete I've had the pleasure of coaching."

Luschar has maintained a 4.16 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at Arizona State University.

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.

Luschar joins Gatorade Nevada Softball Players of the Year Ashley Ward (2018-19, Coronado High School), Tatum Spangler (2017-18, Coronado High School), Julia Jensen (2016-17 & 2014-15, Reed High School), and Sam Pochop (2015-16, Rancho High School).

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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