

**GOODPASTURE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 Aubrey Barnhart of Goodpasture Christian School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Tennessee Softball Player of the Year. Barnhart is the third Gatorade Tennessee Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Goodpasture Christian 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 Barnhart as Tennessee'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, Barnhart 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 junior shortstop and catcher batted .600 with one home run, eight RBI and a 1.594 OPS in seven games this spring before the remainder of the season was cancelled. An All-State honoree, Barnhart ranks as the nation's No. 3 prospect in the Class of 2021 by Extra Inning Softball. A career .550 hitter, she posted a .597 batting average in 2019, with four home runs, 28 RBI, 38 runs scored and a 1.699 OPS.

A member of the Beta Club, Barnhart has volunteered locally as a mentor for underprivileged children. "Aubrey is as talented as any player we've ever had or that I have ever seen in 31 years of coaching in this state," said Goodpasture Christian School coach Lee Phillips. "She's also one of the finest young ladies that I have ever known."

Barnhart has maintained a 4.27 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 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.

Barnhart joins Gatorade Tennessee Softball Players of the Year Regan Weekly (2018-19, The King's Academy), Ashley Rogers (2017-18 & 2016-17, Meigs County High School), and Brooklin Lee (2015-16 & 2014-15, Dickson County 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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