

**HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 8, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Charlie Adams of Hanover High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Adams is the sixth Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Hanover 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 Adams as New Hampshire's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Adams joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, 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 of 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-8, 151-pound senior midfielder scored 23 goals and passed for 20 assists this past season, leading the Marauders (17-2-1) to the Division 1 state championship. A three-time First Team All-State honoree, Adams was a United Soccer Coaches All-American and played in December's High School All-American Game.

Also a basketball standout, Adams has served as a peer mentor and has raised funds to benefit immigrant and refugee families on behalf of the Grassroot Soccer program. "Charlie Adams is a man among boys," said Dan Curran, head coach at Exeter High School. "He makes difficult things look easy, all while being the focal point of every opposing team's defensive strategy."

Adams has maintained a 3.87 GPA in the classroom. He will attend Brown University, where he will play soccer.

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. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Adams joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Players of the Year Ryan Sledjeski (2018-19, Bedford High School), Taylor Silverstein (2017-18, Concord High School), Jacob Gould (2016-17, Exeter High School), Asa Berolzheimer (2015-16, Hanover High School), Kyle Hicks (2014-15, Pinkerton Academy), and Daniel Hazlett (2013-14, Hanover 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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