

**DELBARTON SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW JERSEY 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 Brendan McSorley of Delbarton School as its 2019-20 Gatorade New Jersey Boys Soccer Player of the Year. McSorley is the first Gatorade New Jersey Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Delbarton 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 McSorley as New Jersey'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, McSorley 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 6-foot, 155-pound senior forward recorded 16 goals and 10 assists this past season, leading the Green Wave (19-2) to the Non-Public Class A Tournament semifinals. A two-time First Team All-State selection, McSorley participated in the Allstate All-America Cup last July. He concluded his prep soccer career with 45 goals and 34 assists.

McSorley has volunteered locally as a Vacation Bible School counselor and as a youth soccer coach. "Brendan is a phenomenal player," said Mark Maka, head coach of Chatham High. "He had the ability to control the tempo of a game while also being able to turn a game on its head with a goal or direct involvement."

McSorley has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Providence College.

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.

McSorley joins recent Gatorade New Jersey Boys Soccer Players of the Year Tommy Scalici (2018-19, Morris Knolls High School), Sebastian Chalbaud (2017-18, St. Benedict Preparatory School), Mason Toye (2016-17, Seton Hall Preparatory School), Johnny Antunes (2015-16, St. Benedict Preparatory School), Brian Hawkins (2014-15, Notre Dame High School), and James Murphy (2013-14, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 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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