

**BROOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE COLORADO GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 17, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Mallory Mooney of Broomfield High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Colorado Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Mooney is the second Gatorade Colorado Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Broomfield 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 Mooney as Colorado's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Mooney 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-3 senior forward was the only player from the state to earn 2019 Allstate All-America status. Also two-time First Team All-State selection with the Eagles, Mooney scored 23 goals as a junior and was named the Front Range League Player of the Year. The younger sister of 2017-18 Colorado Gatorade Boys Soccer Player of the Year Michael Mooney, she was the only high school player on the roster for the Colorado Rapids in the Women's Professional Soccer League during the summer of 2019.

Mooney has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach. "Mallory is one of the fiercest competitors I have ever had the privilege of coaching," said Jim Davidson, head coach of Broomfield High. "Her drive to succeed is unmatched as is her relentless work ethic. She is the purest goal scorer our program has ever known.

Mooney has maintained a weighted 3.64 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Auburn 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 & 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.

Mooney joins recent Gatorade Colorado Girls Soccer Players of the Year Mari Annest (2018-19, Colorado Academy), Hailey Stodden (2017-18, Broomfield High School), Shae Holmes (2016-17, ThunderRidge High School), Julie Mackin (2015-16, Castle View High School), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School), and Kaycie Young (2013-14, Rock Canyon 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.