

**NORTH HIGH SCHOOLHORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE LOUISIANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 17, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Jordan Grigsby of NorthHigh Schoolhore High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Louisiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Grigsby is the first Gatorade Louisiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from NorthHigh Schoolhore 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 Grigsby as Louisiana'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, Grigsby 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-6 senior defender scored four goals and passed for 22 assists this past season, leading the Panthers (23-0-3) to the Division 1 state championship. The state Div. 1 Defensive MVP, Grigsby is a four-time First Team All-District selection, the All-Metro Defensive MVP and an Allstate All-America honoree. Grigsby was ranked as the South region's No. 2 recruit in the Class of 2020 by Top Drawer Soccer.

President of her local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Grigsby has volunteered locally on behalf of youth summer camps and the Holy Diapers charity supporting young mothers in need. "Jordan Grigsby was always the best player on the field," said Matt Jacques, head coach at St. Scholastica Academy. "She controls every game she's in, which is something special from that position."

Grigsby has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Appalachian 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 & 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.

Grigsby joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Maddie Moreau (2018-19, St. Thomas More Catholic High School), Sydney Vincens (2017-18, St. Scholastica Academy), Audrey Viso (2016-17, St. Joseph's Academy), Cadie Higginson (2015-16, Ben Franklin High School), Alex Thomas (2014-15, Ben Franklin High School), and Alex Thomas (2013-14, Ben Franklin 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](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).