

**TABOR ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 Cat Barry of Tabor Academy as its 2019-20 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Barry is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Tabor Academy.

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 Barry as Massachusetts'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, Barry 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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot senior forward compiled 27 goals and 12 assists this past season, leading the Seawolves to an 11-5 record. A two-time New England Soccer Journal Forward of the Year, Barry participated in the High School All-American Game in December. Ranked as the nation's No. 17 recruit in the Class of 2020 by TopDrawerSoccer.com, she concluded her prep soccer career with 88 goals and 44 assists.

The head tour guide at Tabor, Barry has volunteered locally as a peer tutor. She has also donated her time teaching English to recent immigrants and as a youth soccer coach. "Cat can dominate a field whenever she wants," said Susanna Donahue, head coach at the Rivers School. "Her size, strength and speed made her an incredibly effective player at whatever position [Tabor] put her in."

Barry has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of South Carolina.

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.

Two-time winner Barry joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Players of the Year Kayla Duran (2017-18, Buckingham Browne & Nichols School), Eve Hewins (2016-17, Hingham High School), Brooke Heinsohn (2015-16, The Rivers School), Gaby Carreiro (2014-15, Nipmuc Regional High School), and Eve Goulet (2013-14, Sutton 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.