

**SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MONTANA 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 Halle Labert of Skyview High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Labert is the second Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Skyview 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 Labert as Montana'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, Labert 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-4 senior midfielder scored 11 goals and passed for five assists this past season, leading the Falcons (11-3-2) to the Class AA state championship game. The 2019 Class AA Eastern Conference Player of the Year and a two-time First Team All-State honoree, Labert was named a 2019 All-Northwest Region selection by the United Soccer Coaches. She concluded her prep soccer career with 32 goals and 25 assists.

A member of the National Business Honor Society, Labert has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and as a youth soccer coach. "Halle Labert was the most dangerous player this season and the most effective," said Erika Cannon, head coach of Bozeman High School. "She has a great ability to beat players in the center of the midfield which unbalances the defense and creates scoring options for herself and her teammates."

Labert has maintained a weighted 4.03 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Rocky Mountain 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.

Labert joins recent Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Jordan Roe (2018-19, Skyview High School), Cadie Williams (2017-18, Glacier High School), Alexa Coyle (2016-17, Bozeman High School), Brittany Delridge (2015-16, Sentinel High School), Averie Collins (2014-15, Bozeman High School), and Maddy Emerick (2013-14, Billings Senior 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.