

**FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA 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 Jordan Brown of Faith Lutheran High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Brown is the first Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Faith Lutheran 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 Brown as Nevada'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, Brown 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-11 sophomore goalkeeper led the Crusaders to a 23-0-1 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Brown allowed just three goals and posted 18 shutouts. She scored one goal directly via a kick-off and also added two assists on goals converted from her punts. The 2019 Las Vegas Review Journal Goalkeeper of the Year, Brown is ranked as the nation's No. 27 recruit in the Class of 2022 by TopDrawerSoccer.com. She concluded her sophomore year with 27 career shutouts.

Brown has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach. "Jordan makes her saves effortlessly and she is the reason they were undefeated," said Kalah Williams, head coach of Shadow Ridge High School. "Her punts are similar to those of the professional women's soccer goalkeepers. It's impressive to watch."

Brown has maintained a weighted 3.73 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school this fall.

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.

Brown joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Players of the Year Gianna Gourley (2018-19, Bishop Gorman High School), Olivia Packer (2017-18, Palo Verde High School), Arlie Jones (2016-17, Bishop Gorman High School), Taylor Kornieck (2015-16, Coronado High School), Michaela Morris (2014-15, Coronado High School), and Sydney Sladek (2013-14, Pahrump Valley 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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