

**DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE UTAH GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 15, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Bizzy Arevalo of Davis High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Utah Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Arevalo is the second Gatorade Utah Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Davis 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 Arevalo as Utah'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, Arevalo 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 forward and midfielder led the Darts to a 19-1 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Arevalo scored 19 goals and passed for 23 assists, including four goals in four postseason games. The 2020 Deseret News Class 6A Most Valuable Player, she was selected to participate in the 2020 High School All-American Game last month in St. Louis.

Arevalo has volunteered locally on behalf of fundraising campaigns to benefit Down Syndrome research. She has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach. "Bizzy is an extremely talented and hard-working player," said Souli Phongsavath, head coach of Davis High. "Her speed and ability to make great runs in behind the defense set her apart from other players."

Arevalo maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Utah State University 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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Arevalo joins recent Gatorade Utah Girls Soccer Players of the Year Haven Empey (2019-20, American Fork High School), Caroline Stringfellow (2018-19, Syracuse High School), Jamie Shepherd (2017-18, American Fork High School), and Olivia Wade (2016-17, Davis High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Arevalo has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Arevalo is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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