

**SOUTH ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALASKA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 18, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Sabrina Jolin of South Anchorage High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Alaska Softball Player of the Year**. Jolin is the second Gatorade Alaska Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from South Anchorage 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 Jolin as Alaska's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Jolin joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cy Spring High School, Texas), Kelsey Stewart (2009-10, Arkansas City High School, Kan.), Carley Hoover (2012-13, D.W. Daniel High School, S.C.), Jenna Lilley (2012-13, Hoover High School, Ohio), Morgan Zerkle (2012-13, Cabell Midland High School, W. Va.), and Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.).

The state's two-time returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-6 senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Wolverines to a 29-2 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Jolin compiled a 21-1 mark with a 0.82 earned run average in the circle, piling up 139 strikeouts and issuing just 11 walks in 102 innings pitched. At the plate, the 2021 Alaska MaxPreps Player of the Year posted a .451 batting average with eight home runs, 13 doubles, 46 runs scored, 45 runs batted in and a .901 slugging percentage.

Jolin has volunteered locally as part of multiple food drives to benefit a women's shelter, and she has donated her time as a youth softball coach. "Sabrina pitched all the big games and successfully dominated each game," said Chris Wilson, Service High assistant coach. "Her changes in speed and location of her pitches made her literally unhittable when she was in the zone."

Jolin has maintained a 3.45 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas 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.

Three-time winner Jolin joins recent Gatorade Alaska Softball Players of the Year Daisy Page (2017-18, East Anchorage High School), and Danni Desjarlais (2016-17, South Anchorage High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Jolin has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Jolin 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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