

**BORAH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE IDAHO BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 16, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Carlos Camacho** of **Borah High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Idaho Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Camacho is the third Gatorade Idaho Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Borah 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 Camacho as Idaho's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Camacho 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, 130-pound senior midfielder and forward scored 19 goals and passed for 13 assists this past season, leading the Lions (16-3-2) to the Class 5A state quarterfinals. The Class 5A State Player of the Year, Camacho is a two-time First Team All-State selection and a three-time First Team All-Conference honoree. He concluded his prep soccer career with 37 goals and 27 assists.

Camacho has volunteered locally at a food bank and homeless shelter, and he has donated his time cleaning yards for the elderly on behalf of Rake Leaves Idaho. "Carlos is a highly technical player with a very good first touch and an incredible ability to play in tight spaces," said Jayson Transtrum, head coach of Borah High School. "He has a nose for goal and loves getting forward and being involved in the offense."

Camacho has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Columbia Basin Community College in Washington 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Camacho joins recent Gatorade Idaho Boys Soccer Players of the Year Damian Arguello (2020-21, Caldwell High School), Jordan Sykes (2019-20, Skyview High School), Kristian Quiros (2018-19, Rocky Mountain High School), and Ahmed Ibrahimovic (2017-18, Borah High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Camacho has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Camacho is also eligible to submit a short 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 \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.