

**NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 **Augustine Boadi** of **Northfield Mount Hermon School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Boadi is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Northfield Mount Hermon 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 Boadi as Massachusetts' 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, Boadi 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-8, 145-pound senior midfielder led the Hoggars to a 13-2-1 record and the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class A Tournament championship this past season. Boadi tallied eight goals and seven assists. The NEPSAC Class A Player of the Year and a 2021 United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection, he was the MVP for the East Team at the High School All-American Game in December.

A native of Ghana, Boadi has volunteered locally with the African Student Association and in the admission office at NMH. He is also a leader of Breakaway, a weekly student-led Christian Fellowship group. "Augustine controlled the game with both his tremendous skill and high-level decision-making," said Dick Muther, head coach of St. Paul's School. "He made everyone on his team better by his play."

Boadi has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Boston College 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.

Boadi joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Players of the Year Andrew Ortiz (2020-21, Longmeadow High School), Khamari Hadaway (2019-20, Northfield Mount Hermon School), and Jacob Shaffelburg (2018-19 & 2017-18, Berkshire 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, Boadi 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. Boadi 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.

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