

**DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 9, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Talia Tretton** of **Douglas High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Nevada Softball Player of the Year**. Tretton is the first Gatorade Nevada Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Douglas 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 Tretton as Nevada'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, Tretton joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jordyn Bahl (2020-21, Papillion-La Vista High School, Neb.), Megan Faraimo (2017-18, Cathedral Catholic High School, Calif.), Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.) and Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Springs High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-10 junior right-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Tigers to a 33-4 record and the Class 5A state championship this past season. Tretton compiled a 17-2 record in the circle with a 1.70 ERA, striking out 193 batters in 119.2 innings. Ranked as the nation's No. 25 recruit in the Class of 2024 by Extra Inning Softball, she batted .500 with 14 home runs, 14 doubles, 47 RBI and a 1.047 slugging percentage.

Tretton has volunteered locally with Douglas High's Block D, a club sponsored by the athletic department that provides Thanksgiving dinners to those in need. She's also donated her time as a youth softball coach. "Douglas's team is good all the way around, however they go as Talia goes," said Jon Wunder, head coach of Reed High School. "Talia is a pitcher to be reckoned with. She has a wicked change up to complement her fastball and rise ball. In addition to her pitching, she swings a big bat."

Tretton has maintained a weighted 3.89 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play softball on scholarship at the University of Iowa beginning in the fall of 2024.

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.

Tretton joins recent Gatorade Nevada Softball Players of the Year Avari Morris (2021-22, Green Valley High School), Hailey McLean (2020-21, Spanish Springs High School), Kailee Luschar (2019-20, Carson High School), and Ashley Ward (2018-19, Coronado High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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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