

**SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE WASHINGTON SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 9, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Maddie Milhorn** of **Skyview High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Washington Softball Player of the Year**. Milhorn is the second Gatorade Washington Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Skyview 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 Milhorn as Washington'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, Milhorn 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 6-foot sophomore right-handed pitcher compiled a 17-1 record with a 0.82 earned run average in the circle this past season, leading the Storm (23-4) to the Class 4A state quarterfinals. Milhorn struck out 219 batters while allowing just 42 hits and 18 walks in 111.1 innings pitched. At the plate, she posted a .586 batting average with 16 home runs, 42 RBI, a .674 on-base percentage and a 1.286 slugging percentage.

Milhorn has volunteered locally at the Clark County Food Bank, and she has donated her time as a youth softball coach. "Maddie's impact for the Skyview program is significant," said Mandy Cervantes, head coach of Camas High. "Their success has a lot to do with Maddie in the circle as well as having her bat in the lineup. She throws with heat and has a good variation of pitches."

Milhorn has maintained a 3.72 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Milhorn joins recent Gatorade Washington Softball Players of the Year Sarah Wright (2021-22, Kentwood High School), Nicola Simpson (2020-21, Garfield High School), Raigan Barrett (2019-20, Rogers High School), and Iyanla De Jesus (2018-19, Jackson 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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