

**SCARSDALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW YORK BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 16, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Nicolas Galeano** of **Scarsdale High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Galeano is the first Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Scarsdale 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 Galeano as New York'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, Galeano joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ben Bender (2019-20, Calvert Hall College High School, Md.), Jacob Shaffelburg (2017-18, Berkshire School, Mass.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire School, Mass.) and Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-11, 165-pound senior midfielder led the Raiders to a 21-0 record and the Class AA state championship this past season. Galeano scored nine goals and passed for seven assists and helped anchor a defense that allowed just 10 goals. Galeano scored the game-winner in Scarsdale High School's 2-0 win over McQuaid Jesuit High School in the state final. The Class AA Player of the Year, he was a 2022 United Soccer Coaches All-American selection.

Galeano is the cofounder and president of the Pa'lanate Project, a non-profit organization that helps underprivileged children in Colombia. He has traveled to Colombia during each of the past two summers to serve as a mentor and youth soccer coach. A certified U.S. Soccer Federation referee, he has volunteered locally at the Don Bosco Soup Kitchen and as a youth soccer coach. "Nico was the engine that made the Scarsdale team so good," said Robert Seipp, head coach of John Jay High School. "He's one of the best players I've seen at the high school level in a long time. He works really hard on the field, defends well, uses his teammates and has excellent vision."

Galeano has maintained a 3.66 GPA in the classroom. He will attend the University of Michigan 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.

Galeano joins recent Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Players of the Year Daniel D'Ippolito (2021-22, Somers High School), Francesco Pagano (2020-21, Fayetteville-Manlius High School), Yaya Bakayoko (2019-20, Martin Luther King High School), and Ousseni Bouda (2018-19, Millbrook 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.

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