

**PUNAHOU SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Carly Ann Cormack** of **Punahou School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Cormack is the eighth Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Punahou 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 Cormack as Hawaii's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Cormack joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alyssa Thompson (2020-21, Harvard-Westlake School, Calif.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.), Heather O'Reilly (2002-03 & 2001-02, East Brunswick High School, N.J.) and Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.).

The 5-foot-3 junior midfielder led the Buff 'n Blu to a 15-1-3 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Cormack scored 12 goals and passed for five assists. The Honolulu Star Advertiser Player of the Year, she was named the ScoringLive.com State Offensive Player of the Year. She is also a two-time First Team All-State selection.

Cormack has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and referee. "Carly is very intelligent and strong on the ball and has a real heavy shot," said Eric Arakawa, head coach of Pearl City High School. "She is the motor for that team."

Cormack has maintained a 3.69 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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.

Cormack joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Players of the Year Anuheha Aluli (2021-22, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Teani Arakawa (2020-21 & 2019-20, King Kekaulike High School), and Sunshine Fontes (2018-19, Pearl City 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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