## CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEVADA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 23, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Trinity Buchanan** of **Coronado High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Buchanan is the fourth Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Coronado 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 Buchanan as Nevada'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, Buchanan 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-6 senior midfielder scored 14 goals and passed for 10 assists this past season, leading the Cougars (23-2-1) to the Division 5A state championship game. Buchanan is a two-time Division 5A First Team All-State selection and was named 2023 Division 5A State Player of the Year. She concluded her prep soccer career with 33 goals and 33 assists.

Buchanan has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through the National Charity League, and she has donated her time to First H.E.L.P, which raises awareness of mental health issues for first responders. "Trinity is quite the force on the field," said Tiffany Kingsburg, head coach of Centennial High School. "She is the all-around best player I've seen in years."

Buchanan has maintained a weighted 4.55 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at UNLV this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Buchanan joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Players of the Year Alexis Pashales (2021-22, Coronado High School), Isabella Flocchini (2020-21, Galena High School), Jordan Brown (2019-20, Faith Lutheran High School), and Gianna Gourley (2018-19, Bishop Gorman 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 <a href="mailto:facebook.com/Gatorade">facebook.com/Gatorade</a> and Twitter at <a href="mailto:twitter.com/Gatorade">twitter.com/Gatorade</a>.