ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATOR ADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 7, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Devyn Johnson** of **St. John's College High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Player of the Year**. Johnson is the third Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. John's College High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Johnson as District of Columbia's best high school softball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Amanda Freed (1997-98, Pacifica High School, Calif.), Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Springs High School, Texas), Rachel Garcia (2014-15 & 2012-13, Highland High School, Calif.) and Ava Brown (2022-23 & 2021-22, Lake Creek High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-8 junior catcher and corner infielder led the Cadets to a 14-8 record and the DCSAA tournament championship this past season. Johnson posted a .541 batting average with 26 runs scored, 43 RBI, 15 doubles and a .891 slugging percentage. A two-time First Team All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference selection, she is a three-time DCSAA First Team honoree.

A member of St. John's De La Salle Scholars Program for advanced academics, Johnson has volunteered locally at a senior center dementia unit. She has also donated her time at the Rock and Roll Marathon and as a peer tutor. "Devyn is a joy to coach," said Diane Thomas, head coach of St. John's College High School. "Her growth as a player is evidenced by her stats as she continues to get stronger and better in the box. She is very coachable, a great teammate and a very good student."

Johnson has maintained a weighted 4.36 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play softball on scholarship at Georgetown University beginning in the fall of 2025.

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.

Johnson joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Players of the Year Delaney Mosley (2022-23, St. John's College High School), Caroline (C.J.) Roy (2021-22 & 2020-21, Maret School) and JoJo Scurry (2019-20, Wilson High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.