

**EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE IDAHO SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 7, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Hayleigh Oliver** of **Eagle High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Idaho Softball Player of the Year**. Oliver is the fifth Gatorade Idaho Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Eagle 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 Oliver as Idaho’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 senior shortstop led the Mustangs (16-11) to a 9-3 record in the 5A Southern Idaho Conference and a berth in the 5A state tournament this past season. Oliver batted .523 with 38 RBI, 16 home runs and 42 runs. She earned SIC Player of the Year honors.

Oliver has volunteered locally at the Idaho Food Bank and on behalf of the Special Olympics. She has also donated her time by feeding the homeless during the holiday season. “She hits the ball well in all zones with power to all fields,” said Kylie Orr, head coach at Mountain View High School. “She also puts the ball in play consistently, making her a tough out. Defensively, she has a ton of range, gets great reads on balls off the bat and is very aggressive. She has a great arm and is the type of player that makes coaches second-guess sending runners.”

Oliver has maintained a 3.67 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at Iowa State University 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.

Oliver joins recent Gatorade Idaho Softball Players of the Year Samantha Hatzenbeller (2022-23, Owyhee High School), Delaney Keith (2021-22 & 2020-21, Skyview High School) and Gracie Walters (2019-20, Ridgevue 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 [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 X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).