

**RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MINNESOTA 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 **Carter Raymond** of **Randolph High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Minnesota Softball Player of the Year**. Raymond is the first Gatorade Minnesota Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Randolph 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 Raymond as Minnesota’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).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-8 junior had led the Rockets to a 24-1 record and the quarterfinals of the Class AA state tournament. Randolph compiled a 24-0 record in the circle with 264 strikeouts in 144 innings through 25 games. She recorded an ERA of 0.34, a WHIP of 0.389 and opposing hitters batted just .102 against her. Entering the quarterfinals, she owned a .405 batting average to go with 33 RBI and an OPS of 1.187. More than 40 percent of her hits had gone for extra bases.

A member of the Randolph Leadership Academy and a Tackle Cancer Student Ambassador, Raymond is an active participant in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and serves as a peer mentor. She has volunteered locally on behalf of Feed My Starving Children. “Carter has been playing varsity softball since 8th grade and has worked hard to become one of the best players in our program’s history,” said Randolph High School head coach Dennis Trom. “She’s a fantastic role model to younger players and has helped build the culture of our program with her strong work ethic, team-first mindset and upbeat attitude. She’s had a tremendous impact on the team and me personally.”

Raymond has maintained a 3.93 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Raymond joins recent Gatorade Minnesota Softball Players of the Year Jessa Snippes (2022-23, Rosemount High School), Sydney Schwartz (2021-22 & 2020-21, Chanhassen High School) and Allison Benning (2019-20, Stillwater Area 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).

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