

**DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEVADA 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 **Talia Tretton** of **Douglas High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Nevada Softball Player of the Year**. Tretton is the first Gatorade Nevada Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Douglas 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 Tretton as Nevada'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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-11 senior right-handed pitcher posted a 31-6 mark with a 1.31 earned run average this past season, leading the Tigers (32-6) to the Class 5A state championship game. Tretton struck out 373 batters in 216.2 innings pitched. Ranked as the nation's No. 25 recruit in the Class of 2024 by Extra Inning Softball, she posted a .459 batting average with eight home runs, 14 doubles, 45 RBI and a .807 slugging percentage.

Tretton has volunteered locally with Douglas High's Block D, an athletics-sponsored club that provides Thanksgiving dinners to those in need. She has also donated her time as a youth softball coach. "Talia is an absolute game-changer, both in the circle and at the plate," said Brian La Torre, head coach of Reno High School. "She has the ability to throw multiple pitches at a very high level, and offensively, she can hit and hit for power. Talia's name appears throughout the boxscore with impressive numbers in several categories."

Tretton has maintained a weighted 4.06 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Iowa 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.

Two-time winner Tretton joins recent Gatorade Nevada Softball Players of the Year Avari Morris (2021-22, Green Valley High School), Hailey McLean (2020-21, Spanish Springs High School) and Kailee Luschar (2019-20, Carson 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).