

**LA SALLE ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE RHODE ISLAND 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 **Phoenyx Silva** of **La Salle Academy** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Rhode Island Softball Player of the Year**. Silva is the second Gatorade Rhode Island Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from La Salle Academy.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Silva as Rhode Island’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-7 junior third baseman had led the Rams (24-0) to the No. 1 seed and the state championship round of the Division 1 state tournament. Silva batted .500 with 27 RBI, 34 runs scored, nine home runs, five triples and eight doubles. She was named Division 1 First Team All-State and is a finalist for the Premier Girls Fastpitch Futures All-American Game.

Silva has volunteered locally as a chemistry tutor and youth softball coach. She also has donated her time to a local nursing home, bringing meals and desserts to residents. “It’s clear to me that Phoenyx means everything to her team and that all of her teammates love her and see her as their leader,” said Emma Campbell, head coach at Moses Brown School. “She is dangerous at the plate, not only because of her power, but because she has the ability to drive to all fields.”

Silva has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has verbally committed to play softball on scholarship at the University of Iowa in the fall of 2025.

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.

Silva joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Softball Players of the Year Alyssa Twomey (2022-23, Pilgrim High School), Alyssa Twomey (2021-22, Pilgrim High School), Haley Venturini (2020-21, Scituate High School) and Kayla Baptista (2019-20, La Salle Academy), 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.