

**MONTVERDE ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE FLORIDA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Estefania Gonzalez** of **Montverde Academy** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Florida Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Gonzalez is the second Gatorade Florida Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Montverde 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 Gonzalez as Florida’s best high school girls soccer 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 Aly Wagner (1997-98, Presentation High School, Calif.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.) and Kennedy Fuller (2022-23 & 2021-22, Southlake Carroll High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-8 senior defender and forward led the Eagles to an 18-4-1 record and a second straight Class 3A state championship this past season. Gonzalez scored 28 goals and passed for 12 assists, netting the lone goal in Montverde’s 1-0 win over Edgewood High School in the state final. The Class 3A Player of the Year, she is a member of Puerto Rico’s Women’s National Team. She concluded her two-year prep soccer career with 42 goals and 18 assists.

Gonzalez has volunteered locally at the Montverde Academy sports concession stand and she has donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. “Estefania had a great year helping lead our team to back-to-back state championships,” said Robbie Aristodemo, head coach of Montverde Academy. “She is a decisive player who has proven she can come up with the critical goals at the crucial moments in matches. She’s a versatile player who can play anywhere on the field.”

Gonzalez has maintained a weighted 3.83 GPA in the classroom. She will forgo playing collegiate soccer to study medicine at Universidad Europea de Madrid in Spain 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.

Gonzalez joins recent Gatorade Florida Girls Soccer Players of the Year Grace Ivey (2022-23 & 2021-22, Bartram Trail High School), Mia Asenjo (2020-21, Montverde Academy) and Olivia Candelino (2019-20, The Bolles 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.