PUNAHOU SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATOR ADE HAWAII 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 **Carly Ann Cormack** of **Punahou School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Cormack is the eighth Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Punahou 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 Cormack as Hawaii'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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-3 senior midfielder led the Buff 'n Blu to a 22-1 record and a second straight Division I state championship this past season. Cormack scored 17 goals and passed for 11 assists. A two-time Honolulu Star Advertiser Player of the Year, she was also the 2024 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Division I Player of the Year.

Cormack has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and referee. "I knew going into our game that Carly was the player to watch," said Noelani Bio, head coach of Kaiser High School. "We ended up having to double-team her every time she got near the ball, which wasn't easy. She has a tremendous work rate, so she was all over the field."

Cormack has maintained a 3.69 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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 Cormack joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Players of the Year Anuhea Aluli (2021-22, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School) and Teani Arakawa (2020-21 & 2019-20, King Kekaulike 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 <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.