

**HELLGATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MONTANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 20, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Carmen Anderson of Hellgate High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Anderson is the second Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Hellgate 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 Anderson as Montana’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-4 senior forward scored 24 goals and passed for 11 assists this past season, leading the Knights (14-2-1) to the Class AA state championship game. The Montana High School Association’s Player of the Year and a three-time First Team All-State selection, Anderson was also a United Soccer Coaches All-Northwest Region honoree. The sister of 2021-22 Gatorade Montana Boys Soccer Player of the Year Marcus Anderson, she concluded her prep soccer career with 74 goals and 47 assists.

Anderson has volunteered locally on behalf of Missoula Aging Services in addition to donating her time at a food bank and homeless shelter. She has also served as a youth basketball and soccer coach. “Carmen is dynamic and can move from the striker position into the midfield to help create an imbalance,” said Zach Brennehan, head coach of Flathead High School. “She had the freedom to move around the field and find space to operate. She brings the whole package and makes the players around her much better.”

Anderson has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at Central Washington University 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.

Anderson joins recent Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Olivia Collins (2022-23 & 2021-22, Gallatin High School), Kenzie Williams (2020-21, Glacier High School), and Halle Labert (2019-20, Skyview 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).