

**FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA 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 **Andrea Leyva** of **Faith Lutheran High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Leyva is the second Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Faith Lutheran 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 Leyva as Nevada’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-5 senior midfielder scored 18 goals and passed for nine assists this past season, leading the Crusaders (18-5-2) to the Class 5A state championship game. A past member of the U.S. Soccer Under-17 Women’s National Team player pool, Leyva was invited to play in the High School All-American Game last fall. She was the 2023 5A Southern Region Defensive Player of the Year and concluded her prep soccer career with 40 goals and 31 assists.

Leyva has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and camp counselor. “Andrea was very versatile as she played defender and midfielder,” said Charity Cress, head coach of Liberty High School. “We had to man-mark her to shut her down. She wins every ball in the air, she’s strong with the ball (at her feet), she’s a smart player and everything runs through her.”

Leyva has maintained a weighted 3.98 GPA in the classroom. Taking advantage of NCAA early signing rules, Leyva inked a financial-aid agreement that paved the way for her to enroll early at the University of Washington. She graduated from high school in December and attended classes in the spring semester.

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.

Leyva joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Players of the Year Trinity Buchanan (2022-23, Coronado High School), Alexis Pashales (2021-22, Coronado High School), Isabella Flocchini (2020-21, Galena High School) and Jordan Brown (2019-20, Faith Lutheran 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.

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