

BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MISSISSIPPI SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 9, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Hannah Jo Sullivan of Brandon High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Mississippi Softball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Sullivan as Mississippi's best high school softball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Springs High School, Texas), Rachel Garcia (2014-15 & 2012-13, Highland High School, Calif.), Ava Brown (2022-23, Lake Creek High School, Texas) and Addisen Fisher (2023-24, Bend High School, Oregon).

The 5-foot-4 junior catcher led the Bulldogs to a 22-7 record and to the second round of the 7A state tournament this past season. Sullivan batted .579 with 44 RBI and 53 runs scored on her way to earning 7A Miss Softball honors. She also hit 14 home runs, stole 23 bases and posted an OPS of 1.891.

Sullivan has volunteered locally on behalf of the Brandon High School canned food drive and the Special Needs Party. She has also donated her time to Rolling Fork tornado relief, delivering and serving food and helping with cleanup. "Hannah Jo played several different positions and does very well wherever she's put," said Madison Moak, assistant coach at North Pike High School. "She's also a great hitter. Any opportunity Hannah Jo had to take extra bases, she was there. You can see the passion she has for the game by just watching her play."

Sullivan has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play softball on scholarship at Mississippi State University beginning in the fall of 2026.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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.

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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 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 Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X (Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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