

POCOLA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE OKLAHOMA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 9, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Allyssa Parker of Pocola High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Oklahoma 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 Parker as Oklahoma'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-11 senior right-handed pitcher and shortstop led the Indians (34-1) and a berth in the 2A state championship game last season. Parker posted a 28-1 record along with a save, compiling a 0.10 earned run average and 224 strikeouts, sparking Pocola to 34 straight wins after the team lost its opener. Opponents hit .097 against her and she fanned 1.7 batters per inning. The state's returning Gatorade Softball Player of the Year hit .667 with 45 RBI and 15 home runs, recording an .802 OBP and an OPS of 2.580. She's ranked as the nation's No. 7 prospect in the Class of 2025 by Perfect Game and No. 8 by Prep Softball.

A member of the Pocola High School Student Council, Parker has volunteered locally by serving food at a homeless shelter. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church. "Allyssa is a great player and players like her come around once every 10 to 15 years," said Jeff Parnell, head coach at Stuart High School. "She isn't just a great pitcher, she's a great hitter and pretty good at shortstop, also."

Parker has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play softball at the University of Oklahoma this fall.

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](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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