

SALESIANUM SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DELAWARE BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 12, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Tyler Cifa** of **Salesianum School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Delaware Boys Soccer 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 Cifa as Delaware's best high school boys soccer player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Ben Bender (2019-20, Calvert Hall College High School, M.D.) and Ransford Gyan (2022-23 & 2023-24, St. Benedict's Preparatory School, N.J.).

The 5-foot-10, 155-pound senior midfielder scored 13 goals and passed for seven assists this past season, leading the Sallies (12-5-1) to the Division I state championship game. The 2024 Delaware High School Coaches Association Player of the Year, Cifa is a three-time state champion. He was also a United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection.

Cifa has participated in an internship at the Food Bank of Delaware, assisting with sorting food, managing donations and distributing goods to people in need. He has also volunteered locally at St. Joe's Homeless Shelter and on behalf of the Arc of Delaware, which serves state residents with intellectual and developmental challenges, in addition to donating his time as a youth soccer coach and mentor. "Tyler is a phenomenal player with great technical ability and tactical awareness," said Joe Manlove, head coach of Archmere Academy and a former assistant coach at Salesianum School. "His touch on the ball is first class and that, combined with his competitiveness and desire to win, makes a worthy Player of the Year."

Cifa has maintained a 3.60 GPA in the classroom. He will attend Scranton University, where he will play soccer, beginning 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 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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