

**PARKVIEW BAPTIST SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE LOUISIANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 18, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Ella Kate Johnston** of **Parkview Baptist School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Louisiana Girls 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 Johnston as Louisiana's best high school girls soccer player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Morgan Gautrat (2010-11, Frederica Academy, Ga.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.), Kennedy Fuller (2022-23 & 2021-22, Southlake Carroll High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-7 sophomore forward led the Eagles to a 25-2 record and the Division III state championship this past season. Johnston scored 38 goals and passed for 24 assists. She was prolific in the playoffs, scoring 11 goals and adding 7 assists in five games. The state's Offensive Player of the Year and Arcadia Star of Stars award-winner, she was also a 2024 United Soccer Coaches All-American selection.

Johnston has volunteered locally as an Adaptive Aquatics volunteer, through which she helps kids and adults with special needs to swim. She has also participated in a service-mission trip to the Dominican Republic. "She's just built differently," said Al Silvas, head coach of Dominican High School. "She is strong in the air and with her speed and skill set, she is deadly in one-on-one situations. She has that mentality that we are not going to lose and does everything imaginable to make sure her team wins. She is always talking to her teammates, encouraging them and wanting the best for them too."

Johnston has maintained a 3.96 weighted GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school in the 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://instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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