

**BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VIRGINIA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 18, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Audrey McKeen** of **Bishop O'Connell High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Virginia 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 McKeen as Virginia'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 midfielder and forward led the Knights to a 16-2-3 record and the Northern Virginia Independent Schools Tournament championship this past season. McKeen scored 37 goals and passed for nine assists, including one of each in O'Connell's 3-0 win overc in the NVIS tournament final. The Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Player of the Year, McKeen was a member of the U.S. Under-17 Women's National Team at the CONCACAF Cup in March. She is ranked as the nation's No. 17 recruit in the Class of 2027 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

McKeen has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and has also donated her time with the Junior Volunteer League where she works with children with special needs. "My defense barely allowed any goals this season and Audrey was one that we couldn't shut down," said Jennifer Henderson, head coach of Leonardtown High School. "She was dangerous with both feet and finished with precision."

McKeen has maintained a weighted 4.46 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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