

**GRETNA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEBRASKA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June, 23, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Allison Marshall** of **Gretna High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Nebraska Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Marshall is the second Gatorade Nebraska Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Gretna High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Marshall as Nebraska's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Marshall joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02 & 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 5-foot-10 sophomore forward led the Dragons to a 21-0 record and a second-straight Class A state championship this past season. Marshall scored 15 goals and passed for six assists, and she scored twice in Gretna's 6-1 win over Lincoln Southeast High in the state final. The captain of the 2022 Omaha World Herald Super State team, she concluded her sophomore year with 27 goals and 13 assists in her prep soccer career.

Marshall has volunteered locally as a youth soccer and basketball coach, and has also donated her time on behalf of multiple community service initiatives through her church. "Allison is a ridiculously talented forward," said Thomas Nettleton, head coach of Lincoln Southwest High School. "She was next to impossible to stop. Gretna was the best team I have ever coached against in high school. And I thought Allison was the biggest difference in separating them from other strong teams."

Marshall has maintained a 4.0 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 that sanction high school 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.

Marshall joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Girls Soccer Players of the Year Sarah Weber (2020-21 & 2019-20, Gretna High School), Reagan Raabe (2018-19, Millard West High School), and Skylar Heinrich (2017-18, Elkhorn High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Marshall has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Marshall is also eligible to submit a short video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

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 Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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