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Brebeuf Jesuit Senior Alia Martin Wins Gatorade Player of the Year…Again!

INDIANAPOLIS, IN: Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School senior Alia Martin has been recognized with the prestigious Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year award in soccer for the second time—a rare accomplishment.

Martin, a midfielder who will be graduating this year and is committed to play soccer for the University of Michigan, currently serves as team captain for Brebeuf Jesuit's champion soccer team, which boasts a 22-2-1 record for the 2016-2017 season—the second best soccer record in the school's history.

The first time Martin won the Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year award was as a junior in 2015, a year that was also studded with numerous other awards for the star soccer player including: National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Indiana State Player of the Year, the Indy Star Indiana Sports Awards Girls Soccer Player of the Year, Indy Star All-USA Player of the Week, and the Brebeuf Jesuit Girls Soccer Most Outstanding Player award.

In 2016, Martin ranked 5th in the state for assists, and tied 16th the nation, with 14 goals, 23 assists, and 6 game-winning goals. She was ranked 3rd in the nation for assists in 2015, the first time she won the Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year Award.

"Last year, Alia lead our team to our first IHSAA 2A State Championship," said Coach Emmanuel Valdez. "Brebeuf Jesuit is the smallest school to ever win this title."

Martin's interests don't stop at soccer. She is also a three-year varsity starter on the girl's basketball team, and is this year's starting point guard, where she currently leads her team in assists and is second in scoring average.

When Martin isn't splitting her time between soccer and basketball, she's an avid contributor to both the local and global community.

For the past 4 years, she has volunteered to help Brebeuf Jesuit host the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Special Olympics Indiana State Games. She was elected Co-President of the school's Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT), and she has volunteered for Brebeuf Jesuit's Adopt a Family program, which helps families in need during the holidays. Most recently, she led a group of Brebeuf Jesuit students on a mission trip to Belize.

"She was instrumental in the group's involvement with local school children," said Valdez. "She also organized a soccer equipment collection to distribute to the kids in Belize."

Learn more about Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School by visiting www.brebeuf.org, and read Alia Martin's student profile at www.brebeuf.org/prepped/alia.

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