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ROCK CANYON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE COLORADO VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 16, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Keeley Davis of Rock Canyon High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Colorado Volleyball Player of the Year. Davis is the first Gatorade Colorado Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Rock Canyon 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 Davis as Colorado's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Davis joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahlert HS, Iowa), Alisha Glass (2005-06, Leland Public HS, Mich.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View HS, Neb.) and Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas HS, Fla.).

The 6-foot-2 senior outside hitter amassed 577 kills, 355 digs, 58 service aces and 46 blocks in 99 sets while leading the Jaguars to a 20-9 record. The Class 5A Player of the Year, Davis concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,592 kills and 1,139 digs.

A volunteer for the Food Bank of the Rockies, Davis has also donated her time with Project Cure, where she has sorted and packed medical supplies for communities in need. She also participates in the school's Make-a-Wish Week, a fundraising campaign which grants wishes for area children who are fighting life-threatening illnesses. "I can't tell you the amount of times I'd said 'wow' aloud when I've watched Keeley play" said Colorado Momentum Volleyball Club coach Shane Frakes. "I've seen a lot of volleyball, and she has everything in her bag. She plays at a different level."

Davis has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Creighton University 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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Davis joins recent Gatorade Colorado Volleyball Players of the Year Michaela Putnicki (2016-17, Lewis-Palmer High School), Shannon Webb (2015-16, Cherokee Trail High School), Alexa Smith (2014-15, Lewis-Palmer High School), Haleigh Washington (2013-14 & 2012-13, Doherty High School), Nicole Dalton (2011-12 & 2010-11, Chaparral High School), Morgan Broekhuis (2009-10 & 2008-09, Colorado Springs Christian High School), and Lauren Van Orden (2007-08, Grandview High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Davis will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow the conversation on Twitter #GatoradePOY. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit <http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com/>.

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