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**SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® WEST VIRGINIA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 14, 2010) — In its third decade of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Hannah Bailey of Spring Valley High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade West Virginia Volleyball Player of the Year. Bailey is the first Gatorade West Virginia Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Spring Valley 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 court, distinguishes Bailey as West Virginia's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Bailey joins an elite alumni association of past state volleyball award winners, including USA Volleyball Olympians Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter recorded 541 kills, 335 digs, 126 service aces and 38 blocks this past season while posting a hitting percentage of .451, leading the Timberwolves (51-8-1) to the Class AAA state semifinals. Also the state's Player of the Year as named by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association, Bailey averaged 4.1 kills, 2.6 digs, 1.0 service aces and 0.3 blocks per game this fall. As a junior in 2009, she recorded 611 kills, 495 digs and 22 blocks, leading the Timberwolves to the Class AAA state championship.

Bailey has maintained a 3.74 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she has volunteered locally on behalf of her church and the Special Olympics in addition to serving as a youth basketball and volleyball instructor.

"Hannah Bailey works real hard," said Corby Stalnaker, head coach of rival Ripley High. "She had a good tournament. She can play every position. She stood out. I wish I had her on my team. She was their go-to player when they needed to get the job done. She's a very complete athlete."

Bailey has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Marshall University beginning in the fall of 2011.

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 ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, 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.

Bailey joins recent Gatorade West Virginia Volleyball Players of the Year Lexy Kessel (2009-10, Ripley), Erica Manor (2008-09, Musselman) and Cameron Yoho (2007-08, Tyler Consolidated) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. 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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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