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**CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OREGON VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 14, 2011) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Martenne Bettendorf of Central Catholic High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year. Bettendorf is the first Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Central Catholic 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 Bettendorf as Oregon's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Bettendorf joins an elite alumni association of past state volleyball award winners, including USA Volleyball players 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 6-foot-1 senior outside hitter led the Rams to a 33-0 record and a third straight Class 6A state title this past season. Bettendorf recorded 511 kills, 149 digs, 57 blocks and 30 service aces while posting a hitting percentage of .481. The 2011 Class 6A Player of the Year, Bettendorf was also an American Volleyball Coaches Association Under Armour First Team All-American selection. She concluded her prep volleyball career with a school-record 1,839 kills.

Bettendorf has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally at an area homeless shelter, with the Special Olympics and donated hair to Locks of Love.

"Martenne Bettendorf has all the shots a super-talented outside hitter requires," said Jim Hartner, Bettendorf's club coach with Northwest Juniors. "She is a major intimidation blocking the net both with speed, timing and penetration. She has become a huge offensive weapon out of the back row and a solid six-rotation passer and defensive player. She is an amazing talent."

Bettendorf has verbally committed to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Oregon beginning in the fall of 2012.

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 ESPNHS 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.

Bettendorf joins recent Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Players of the Year Elizabeth Brenner (2010-11, Jesuit High School), Liz Brenner (2009-10, Jesuit) and Garyn Schlatter (2008-09, Canby) 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.

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