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**HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® SOUTH CAROLINA 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 Kylie Haun of Hillcrest High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year. Haun is the second Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Hillcrest 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 Haun as South Carolina's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Haun 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 5-foot-8 senior outside hitter led the Rams (53-5) to the Class 4A state title this past season. Haun recorded 479 kills, 245 digs, 95 assists and 65 service aces. The school record-holder for career kills and digs, she is a two-time All-State selection and was named Class 4A Player of the Year.

Haun has maintained a 4.16 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's student government, she has volunteered locally on behalf of Meals on Wheels, youth volleyball camps and an elementary school mentoring program.

"Haun is a great all-around volleyball player," said Alexis Glover, head coach of rival Wando High. "She jumps well and she's very smart. She's a very, very important part of their program and she never comes off the court."

Haun has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Colorado's Metro State 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.

Haun joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Players of the Year Karis Watson (2010-11, Rock Hill High School), Kellie Schmidt (2009-10, Lexington) and Christina Glover (2008-09, Wando) among the state's list of former award winners.

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