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**FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® ARKANSAS VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 12, 2012) — In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Aubrey Edie of Fayetteville High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Arkansas Volleyball Player of the Year. Edie is the first Gatorade Arkansas Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Fayetteville 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 Edie as Arkansas' best high school volleyball player. Edie joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, 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 setter led the Bulldogs to a 35-3 record and the Class 7A state title this past season. Edie recorded 1,102 assists, 233 digs, 176 kills, 90 blocks and 54 service aces while posting a kill percentage of .431. A three-time First Team All-State selection and a 2012-13 American Volleyball Coaches Association Under Armour Second Team All-American, she was named MVP of the Class 7A state tournament.

Edie has maintained a 3.97 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she has volunteered locally on behalf of a literacy-outreach program and the National Honor Society.

"Aubrey Edie is by far the best player I have seen in Arkansas this year," said Rose Cheek, head coach at Siloam Springs. "We played in three tournaments against her and I did not see anyone that possessed her skill level, court awareness or team attitude. She is passionate about the game and a total team player."

Edie has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Mississippi beginning in the fall of 2013.

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 high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Edie joins recent Gatorade Arkansas Volleyball Players of the Year Shayne Wiedemann (2011-12, Bentonville High School), Lizzy Briones (2010-11, Siloam Springs High School), Hannah Allison (2009-10 & 2008-09, Siloam Springs), and Cayla Fielder (2007-08, Westside) 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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