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**METAIRIE PARK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® LOUISIANA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 12, 2012) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Katherine Broussard of Metairie Park Country Day School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Player of the Year. Broussard is the first Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Metairie Park Country Day 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 Broussard as Louisiana's best high school volleyball player. Broussard 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 5-foot-7 senior outside hitter led the Cajuns to a 40-6 record and a fourth straight Division V state title this past season. Broussard recorded 532 kills, 412 digs, 68 service aces and 19 blocks while posting a kill percentage of .526. A five-time Division V First Team All-State selection and a four-time Division V State Tournament MVP, Broussard is a three-time Times-Picayune Small Schools Metro Player of the Year. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 2,158 kills and 1,738 digs.

Broussard has maintained a 3.69 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally rebuilding houses and as a youth volleyball coach.

"I very much like what Katherine Broussard brings to the game," said Jody Walker, head coach of Mandeville High. "She is small in size but large in heart and playing ability. She is wellrounded. She can pass in serve-receive and defend with the top liberos in the state."

Broussard has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at Howard University in Washington, D.C. beginning next 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 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.

Broussard joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Players of the Year Haley Bonneval (2011-12, Fontainebleau High School), Katie Lindelow (2010-11, Mandeville High School), Hannah Miranda (2009-10, Northlake Christian School), Kathryn Stock (2008-09, Northlake Christian School) and Caitlin Clarke (2007-08, Mount Carmel Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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