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**LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® MISSOURI 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 Stephanie Campbell of Lafayette High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Missouri Volleyball Player of the Year. Campbell is the first Gatorade Missouri Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Lafayette 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 Campbell as Missouri's best high school volleyball player. Campbell 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-2 senior middle blocker led the Lancers to a 40-0 record and a second straight Class 4 state title this past season. Campbell recorded 254 kills, 96 blocks, 91 digs and 18 service aces for Lafayette, which did not drop a set the entire season. A 2012 American Volleyball Coaches Association Under Armour Honorable Mention All-American, Campbell is a two-time First Team All-State honoree and a three-time Academic All-State selection. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 756 kills.

Campbell has maintained a 4.37 weighted GPA in the classroom. A winner of the Lafayette High Character Education Responsibility Award and a Missouri Bright Flight scholarship, she has volunteered as part of a local beautification project, as a peer chemistry tutor and as a youth volleyball coach.

"I've never coached a middle as quick and agile as Stephanie," said Lafayette head coach Zach Young. "She could hit any set across the front row, which created matchup problems for every team we played."

Campbell has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at Auburn University 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.

Campbell joins recent Gatorade Missouri Volleyball Players of the Year Alyssa Jensen (2011-12, St. Joseph's Academy), Jade Hayes (2010-11 & 2009-10, Ozark High School), Alison Landwehr (2008-09, Ozark) and Allie Huffman (2007-08, Lee's Summit West) among the state's list of former award winners.

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