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**SPANISH SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEVADA 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 Lyndsey Anderson of Spanish Springs High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year. Anderson is the first Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Spanish Springs 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 Anderson as Nevada's best high school volleyball player. Anderson 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-9 senior setter led the Cougars to a 37-7 record and the Division I state title this past season. Anderson recorded 485 assists, 94 kills, 85 digs, 38 blocks and 33 service aces in league and postseason matches. A two-time High Desert League Player of the Year, she concluded her prep career as the school record-holder in assists, service aces, serving percentage and hitting percentage.

Anderson has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. Also a talented musician, she has volunteered locally as a mentor for middle school students.

"She makes great decisions, she's a team leader and she does a great job of setting the ball," said Jason Sterrett, head coach at Bishop Manogue High. "She can do just about everything on a volleyball court."

Anderson has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Nevada 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.

Anderson joins recent Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Players of the Year Makenna Lommori (2011-12 & 2010-11, Yerington High School), Siga Appelgate (2009-10, Green Valley) and Hayley Spelman (2008-09 & 2007-08, Green Valley) among the state's list of former award winners.

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