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**PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® PENNSYLVANIA 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 Kelly Robertson of Parkland High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Pennsylvania Volleyball Player of the Year. Robertson is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Parkland 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 Robertson as Pennsylvania's best high school volleyball player. Robertson 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 senior middle blocker recorded 548 kills, 144 digs, 93 blocks and 43 service aces this past season while posting a hitting percentage of .493 and leading the Trojans (24-1) to the Class AAA state final. A 2012-13 Under Armour First Team All-American, Robertson is a two-time All-State selection and MVP of the Lehigh Valley Conference.

Robertson has maintained a 3.49 GPA in the classroom. She volunteered locally on behalf of youth sports camps and a food bank.

"She's a dominating player," said Don West, head coach at Southern Lehigh High. "She's got a quick leap and a great vertical, and she can play great defense. She can do anything you need her to do."

Robertson has verbally committed to play volleyball at Penn State University 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.

Robertson joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Volleyball Players of the Year Alexa Swann (2011-12, Brandywine Heights Area High School), Shelbey Manthorpe (2010-11, Merion Mercy Academy), Kate Begor (2009-10, Mt. Lebanon), Danielle Carrozza (2008-09, Mt. Lebanon) and Helen Fitzpatrick (2007-08, Merion Mercy Academy) 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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