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**HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® SOUTH CAROLINA 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 Sydney Moseley of Hillcrest High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year. Moseley is the third Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Hillcrest 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 Moseley as South Carolina's best high school volleyball player. Moseley 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 outside hitter and middle led the Rams (54-3) to a second consecutive Class AAAA state championship this past season. A Class AAAA First Team All-State selection as named by the South Carolina Coaches Association for Women's Sports, Moseley amassed 403 digs, 351 kills, 72 assists, 62 service aces and 40 blocks. She recorded 14 kills in a 3-1 state title victory against Aiken.

Moseley has maintained a 5.23 weighted GPA in the classroom and ranks No. 1 in her graduating class. A member of the National Honor Society and her school's Beta Club chapter, she has volunteered on behalf of Youth Leadership Greenville, the Fountain Inn Rotary Club, Greenville Hospital and March of Dimes. Moseley has also donated her time as a youth volleyball and swimming instructor.

"Sydney Moseley is effective in several different positions for several different reasons," said Alexis Glover, head coach of rival Wando High. "At setter, she can run the offense as the quarterback of the team. On the outside, she is a six-position passer and hitter, playing right or left as an outstanding hitter and defender—blocking and digging. She's a smart, savvy player who reads the defense and knows where to put the ball. She controls the pace of the game and is a very disciplined player. She is the main force behind the success of Hillcrest the last two years. She makes the difference."

Moseley remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Moseley joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Players of the Year Kylie Haun (2011-12, Hillcrest High School), Karis Watson (2010-11, Rock Hill High School), Kellie Schmidt (2009-10, Lexington), Christina Glover (2008-09, Lexington) and Ashley Marshall (2007-08, Hillcrest) among the state's list of former award winners.

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