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**ALTEE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® VIRGINIA 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 Hailey Brooks of Altee High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Virginia Volleyball Player of the Year. Brooks is the first Gatorade Virginia Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Altee 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 Brooks as Virginia's best high school volleyball player. Brooks 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-8 senior setter and outside hitter recorded 431 assists, 260 kills, 187 digs, 177 service aces and 22 blocks while posting a kill percentage of .525 this past season, leading the Raiders (31-3) to the Group AAA state final. The 2012 Central Region Co-Player of the Year, Brooks is a two-time Group AAA First Team All-State selection and the state record-holder with 581 career service aces.

Brooks has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as part of a fundraiser to benefit the Children's Hospital of Richmond, as a youth volleyball coach and as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with her church youth group.

"Hailey Brooks is an all-around player with a dominant top-spin jump serve and a huge presence as a hitter even though her position was that of setter," said Sharon Gaston, head coach of Lee-Davis High. "Her setting was very quick and accurate and she was hard to read from a blocker's standpoint."

Brooks has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at the University of South Florida 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.

Brooks joins recent Gatorade Virginia Volleyball Players of the Year Breanna Atkinson (2011-12, The Madeira School), Tori Janowski (2010-11, Flint Hill School), Juliane Hanna (2009-10, Loudoun County), Kristin Carpenter (2008-09, Loudoun County) and Alyssa Lang (2007-08, Deep Run) among the state's list of former award winners.

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