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**ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 12, 2013) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Becca Bateman of St. John's College High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade District of Columbia Volleyball Player of the Year. Bateman is the fourth Gatorade District of Columbia Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. John's College 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 Bateman as District of Columbia's best high school volleyball player. Bateman 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-7 senior setter led the Cadets to a 21-7 record and the Washington D.C. State Volleyball Invitational championship this past season. The District's returning Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year, Bateman collected 708 assists, 121 digs, 92 service aces and 58 kills while posting a hitting percentage of .369. She is a three-time First Team All-Conference selection and a 2013 Washington Post First Team All-Met honoree.

Bateman has maintained a 3.54 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has served as president of her school's chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions and has volunteered locally at the Washington D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

"Becca Bateman's leadership has been uncanny and unmatched for our team," said St. John's College High head coach Bill Pribac. "She leads by example on and off the court."

Bateman has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at Marymount University beginning in the fall of 2014.

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.

Two-time winner Bateman joins Gatorade District of Columbia Volleyball Players of the Year Darian Dozier (2011-12, St. John's College High School), Isabel Eberstadt (2010-11, National Cathedral School), Jessie Egan (2009-10, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School), Carolyn Bottelier (2008-09, Maret), Kelley Vershbow (2007-08, Maret School) and Kristen Dozier(2005-06, St. John's College High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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