KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS-KAPALAMA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® HAWAII 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 Alohi Robins-Hardy of Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year. Robins-Hardy is the third Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama 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 Robins-Hardy as Hawaii's best high school volleyball player. Robins-Hardy 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-2 senior setter and outside hitter led the Warriors to a 32-2 record and the Division I state title this past season. Robins-Hardy recorded 315 assists, 227 kills, 209 digs and 55 blocks while posting a .442 kill percentage and a .341 hitting percentage. The 2013 Division I State Tournament MVP, she was also selected as the 2013 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Player of the Year.

Robins-Hardy has maintained a 3.31 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Alohi Robins-Hardy demonstrated much character and leadership throughout the season, leading her team to a state championship," said Tommy Lake, head coach at Moanalua High. "She was a huge reason why her team finished top in the state. She conducted herself as a true leader by example."

Robins-Hardy has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at Brigham Young University beginning in the fall of 2014.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School Sports</u>, 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.

Robins-Hardy joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year Carly Kan (2012-2013, Punahou School), Tayler Higgins (2011-12, Punahou School), Misty Ma'a (2010-11, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Sarah Palmer (2009-10 & 2008-09, Hawaii Baptist Academy), and Kanani Herring (2007-08, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama) among the state's list of former award winners.

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