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**OUR LADY ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MISSISSIPPI 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 Brittany Corder of Our Lady Academy as its 2013-14 Gatorade Mississippi Volleyball Player of the Year. Corder is the first Gatorade Mississippi Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Our Lady Academy.

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 Corder as Mississippi's best high school volleyball player. Corder 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-10 junior middle blocker led the Crescents to a 41-2 record and the Class I state title this past season. Corder recorded 441 kills, 47 service aces and 40 blocks to go with a hitting percentage of .511. She's been selected to the All-State Tournament team, the All-Region team and the Sun Herald All-Coast team.

Corder has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A math and Spanish tutor in her school, she has volunteered locally on behalf of youth volleyball programs and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

"She works hard and she never stops," said Courtney Pollock, head coach at Pass Christian High. "She's a great team player who could play any position on the court. I'd love to have six Brittany Corders on my team."

Corder will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Corder joins recent Gatorade Mississippi Volleyball Players of the Year Breann Hedin (2012-2013, Long Beach High School), Sarah Farmer (2011-12, Tupelo High School), Victoria Nutting (2010-11, Hancock High School), Alison Welch (2009-10, Olive Branch), Charquita Anderson (2008-09, Southaven) and Claire Franks (2007-08, Olive Branch) among the state's list of former award winners.

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