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**BISHOP KELLEY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA 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 Josie Gandall of Bishop Kelley High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Oklahoma Volleyball Player of the Year. Gandall is the fifth Gatorade Oklahoma Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Kelley 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 Gandall as Oklahoma's best high school volleyball player. Gandall 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 recorded 465 kills, 345 digs, 67 service aces and 42 blocks this while compiling a kill percentage of .476 and leading the Comets (27-7) to the Class 6A semifinals this past season. A two-time First Team All-State selection, Gandall is a 2013-14 Honorable Mention Under Armour All-American as named by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, and was the 2013 Tulsa World Metro Player of the Year.

Gandall has maintained a 3.89 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church parish community, she has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society.

"Josie Gandall is a very athletic, talented player in every area of the game," said Will Ethridge, head coach at Edmond Santa Fe High. "She is an extremely strong passer, hitter, blocker and server. She is the type of player who will make you change your game."

Gandall has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at St. Louis 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.

Gandall joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Volleyball Players of the Year Claire Kelley (2012-2013, Bishop Kelley High School), Inky Ajanaku (2011-12, Bishop Kelley High School), Micha Hancock (2010-11 & 2009-10, Edmond Memorial High School), Amy Lewis (2008-09, Bishop Kelley High School) and Kelsey Hancock (2007-08, Edmond Memorial) among the state's list of former award winners.

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