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CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® OREGON 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 Hannah Troutman of Crook County High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year. Troutman is the first Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Crook County 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 Troutman as Oregon's best high school volleyball player. Troutman 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-11 senior outside hitter led the Cowgirls to a 37-5 record and a fourth straight Class 4A state title this past season. Troutman recorded 642 kills, 534 digs, 82 service aces and 46 blocks while posting a hitting percentage of .334 and a kill percentage of .473. The 2013 Class 4A Player of the Year, she is a two-time Class 4A First Team All-State selection and a two-time Class 4A State Tournament championship game MVP.

Troutman has maintained a 3.85 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally with the Humane Society, the Catholic Youth Organization and as a youth volleyball coach.

"Hannah carried a team that was mainly freshmen and took them from being disconnected to playing hard with a refuse-to-lose attitude," said Kristin Cooper, head coach of Bend High. "Hannah did not have an opportunity to make an error or a chance to relax on the court. She had to be on every game, every point."

Troutman has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at Oregon State 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.

Troutman joins recent Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Players of the Year Tani Stephens (2012-2013, West Albany High School), Martenne Bettendorf (2011-12, Central Catholic High School), Elizabeth Brenner (2010-11, Jesuit High School), Liz Brenner (2009-10, Jesuit), Garyn Schlatter (2008-09, Canby High School) and Kim Hill (2007-08, Portland Christian) among the state's list of former award winners.

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