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**TIMPVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® UTAH 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 Jessie Jorgensen of Timpview High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year. Jorgensen is the first Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Timpview 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 Jorgensen as Utah's best high school volleyball player. Jorgensen 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-9 senior setter and right side hitter led the Thunderbirds to a 31-3 record and the Class 4A state title this past season. Jorgensen recorded 478 assists, 275 digs, 197 kills, 61 service aces and 55 blocks. She is a three-time First Team All-State selection by both the Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune.

Jorgensen has maintained a 3.93 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has volunteered on behalf of blood donation drives, youth volleyball teams and Haitian relief efforts.

"She's an unbelievable athlete and she can do absolutely anything on a volleyball court," said Kathy Treanor, head coach at Salem Hills High. "She can dig, she can pass and she can hit the ball so hard. She's good in every aspect of the game."

Jorgensen has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Utah 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.

Jorgensen joins recent Gatorade Utah Volleyball Players of the Year McKenzie Willey (2012-2013, Lone Peak High School), Ciara Parker (2011-12, Snow Canyon High School), Ashley Garfield (2010-11, Morgan High School), Danica Mendivil (2009-10, Pleasant Grove), Brooke McAlister (2008-09, Pleasant Grove) and Chelsey Garfield (2007-08, Morgan) among the state's list of former award winners.

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