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**MENOMONEE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® WISCONSIN VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 12, 2013) — In its 29<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Simone Lee of Menomonee Falls High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year. Lee is the third Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Menomonee Falls 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 Lee as Wisconsin's best high school volleyball player. Lee 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-1 senior outside hitter led the Indians to a 48-4 record and the Division I state title this past season. Lee recorded 660 kills, 355 digs, 100 service aces and 57 blocks while compiling a kill percentage of .461. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she is a 2013-14 First Team Under Armour All-American as named by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. She was a member of the 2012 U.S. Women's Junior National Team and the 2013 USA Volleyball Girls' Youth National Team.

Lee has maintained a 3.41 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of the Christ the King Baptist Church Community, she has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and youth volleyball coach. She has also participated in the Falls/Sussex Youth Leadership program with a mission of inspiring community trusteeship in area youth.

"Simone Lee is a natural leader who leads by example in both practice and in matches," said Menomonee head coach J.C. Bruns. "In spite of all the accolades she has received, she has let none of it go to her head. She is still the down-to-earth teammate she has always been. She loves playing with her teammates and they love playing with her."

Lee has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at Penn 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.

Lee joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Players of the Year Kaysie Shebeneck (2012-2013 & 2011-12 Burlington High School), Crystal Graff (2010-11 & 2009-10, La Follette High School), Carol Henney (2008-09, Catholic Central High School) and Janelle Gabrielsen (2007-08, Menomonee Falls) among the state's list of former award winners.

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