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## **TUALATIN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE OREGON GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 6, 2014) — 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 Jill Farley of Tualatin High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Farley is the third Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Tualatin 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 Farley as Oregon's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Farley joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-7 senior defender led the Timberwolves to a 14-2-3 record and the Class 6A state title this past season. Farley scored 12 goals, passed for 11 assists and anchored a defense that allowed only 11 goals en route to recording 14 shutouts. The Oregonian's Class 6A Player of the Year, Farley was the MVP of the state championship game, a 2-0 win over Sunset High. She was a three-time First Team All-State selection and concluded her prep soccer career with 57 goals and 46 assists.

Farley has maintained a 3.64 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Tualatin High National Arts Honor Society, she has volunteered locally as a freshman orientation leader and in association with a fun run for the Make A Wish Foundation. She has also completed two service-mission trips to Haiti.

"Jill Farley is a true difference-maker on the field," said Tim Copeland, head coach of Grant High. "She scored an amazing goal against us and was a huge part of them beating us. She also defended one of our best players and made her a non-factor in the game."

Farley has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles beginning this fall.

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.

Farley joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Players of the Year Ashlee Schulz (2012-13, Thurston High School), Anna-Marie Popma (2011-12, Tualatin High School), Maryn Beutler (2010-11, Bend Senior High School), Sarah Bridges, (2009-10, Jesuit), Kendall Johnson (2008-09, Lincoln High School), and Courtney Verloo (2007-08 & 2006-07, Tualatin High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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