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**CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 6, 2014) — 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 Kelsey Turnbow of Central Valley High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Washington Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Turnbow is the first Gatorade Washington Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Central Valley 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 Turnbow as Washington'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, Turnbow 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 freshman forward led the Bears to a 18-1 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Turnbow scored 20 goals and passed for one assist despite missing six games while training with the U.S. Soccer Under-14 Girls National Team. A Second Team Class 4A All-State selection by the Washington State Soccer Coaches Association, she is ranked as the nation's No. 48 prospect in the Class of 2017 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Turnbow has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach.

"Kelsey Turnbow will be a force for years to come," said Roland Minder, head coach of Camas High. "We could not handle her combination play up top. She has the whole package: reads the game, skill, pace, nose for the goal. She is a true forward."

Turnbow will begin her sophomore year of high school next 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.

Turnbow joins recent Gatorade Washington Girls Soccer Players of the Year Audrey Thomas (2012-13, Issaquah High School), Isabel Farrell (2011-12, Interlake High School), Brooke Gilbert (2010-11, Glacier Peak High School), Lindsay Elston (2009-10, Eastlake), Emily Hurd (2008-09, Eastlake High School), and Kate Deines (2007-08 & 2006-07, Issaquah High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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