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**RED MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® ARIZONA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 5, 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 Bre Macha of Red Mountain High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Arizona Softball Player of the Year. Macha is the first Gatorade Arizona Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Red Mountain 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 Macha as Arizona's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Macha joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-6 senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman posted a 22-5 record in the circle along with a 1.02 ERA this past season, leading the Mountain Lions (30-6-1) to their fifth straight Division I state championship. Macha struck out 256 batters and walked 40 in 186 innings pitched. At the plate, she batted .365 with four home runs, 23 RBI and a .563 slugging percentage. A two-time First Team All-Arizona selection, she was the winning pitcher in the state championship game all four years of high school.

Macha has maintained a 3.25 GPA in the classroom. A volunteer with the Red Mountain High audio-visual department, she has donated her time locally to a food bank and homeless shelter and as a youth softball coach and umpire.

"Bre Macha is a great pitcher and also a force at the plate," said Ben Frank, head coach of Pinnacle High. "As a team, we found it hard to adjust to her pitching."

Macha has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on an athletic scholarship at Arizona State University 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.

Macha joins recent Gatorade Arizona Softball Players of the Year Valerie Kaff (2012-13, Mountain View High School), Kayla Bonstrom (2011-12, Canyon del Oro High School), Mattie Fowler (2010-11, Canyon del Oro High School), Dallas Escobedo (2009-10, St. Mary's Catholic), and Kenzie Fowler (2008-09, 2007-08 & 2006-07, Canyon del Oro), among the state's list of former award winners.

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