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**SCARBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MAINE 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 Alyssa Williamson of Scarborough High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year. Williamson is the third Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Scarborough 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 Williamson as Maine's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Williamson 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-9 senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Red Storm to a 14-0 record and a berth in the Class A state tournament, scheduled to begin June 10. Williamson batted .468 with five home runs, 28 RBI through 14 games and has not struck out in 175 plate appearances dating back to her sophomore year in 2012. A three-time First Team All-State selection, she also compiled a 6-0 record in the circle along with a 1.32 ERA and 63 strikeouts in 47.2 innings pitched.

Williamson has maintained a 92.3 average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, Ruth's Reusable Resources and as a youth softball coach.

"Alyssa Williamson is the top player we've seen this season," said Maureen Curran, head coach at Cheverus High. "She's in a class by herself as a pitcher. She throws hard but her speed isn't what differentiates her from other players in the league. Her control and movement are her distinguishing traits. She's a student of the game, which is evident in both her pitching and her hitting. In addition, she conducts herself with class on and off the field."

Williamson has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on an athletic scholarship at Drexel 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.

Williamson joins recent Gatorade Maine Softball Players of the Year Sonja Morse (2012-13, Cony High School), Julia Geaumont (2011-12, Thornton Academy), Alexis Bogdanovich (2010-11, South Portland High School), Sam Bedore (2009-10, Bangor), Hannah Hill (2008-09 & 2007-08, Fryeburg Academy), and Kelsey Griffin (2006-07, Scarborough) among the state's list of former award winners.

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