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**EASTERN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MARYLAND 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 Jordan Cargile of Eastern Technical High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Maryland Softball Player of the Year. Cargile is the first Gatorade Maryland Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Eastern Technical 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 Cargile as Maryland's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Cargile 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-8 senior right-handed pitcher posted a 25-0 record in the circle along with a 0.42 ERA this past season, leading the Mavericks (25-0) to the Class 2A state title. Cargile struck out 190 batters and walked just six in 117 innings pitched, firing 18 shutouts, including three perfect games. At the plate, the 2013 Baltimore Sun Player of the Year batted .540 with seven doubles, five triples and 40 RBI. She finished the season with a .592 on-base percentage and a .770 slugging percentage.

Cargile has maintained a 3.26 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of fundraising campaigns to benefit the American Cancer Society and as a youth softball coach.

"I have coached in Baltimore County for six years and have never seen a player like Jordan before," said Chris Pagliarini, head coach of Randallstown High. "She dominates."

Cargile has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Delaware 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.

Cargile joins recent Gatorade Maryland Softball Players of the Year Jess Cummings (2012-13 & 2011-12, Northern High School), Kaitlyn Schmeiser (2010-11, Northern High School), Kourtney Salvarola (2009-10, Broadneck), Melanie Mitchell (2008-09, McDonough), Lauren Gibson (2007-08, Chesapeake), and Kerry Hickey (2006-07, Huntingtown) among the state's list of former award winners.

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