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**SOUTHMOORE HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 5, 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 Katelyn Brown of Southmoore High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Player of the Year. Brown is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Southmoore 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 Brown as Oklahoma's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Brown 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 led the Sabercats (31-4) to the Class 6A state championship this past season. Brown posted a 22-2 record with a 0.37 ERA, 212 strikeouts in 130 innings pitched. The 2013 Oklahoman All-City Softball Player of the Year, she also batted .449 with two home runs, 34 RBI, 32 runs and a .697 slugging percentage.

Brown has maintained a 3.21 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her parish community and a mentor for elementary school students, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Salvation Army and multiple community-service initiatives in association with her church youth group.

"As a pitcher, Katelyn Brown was nearly impossible to beat," said Jonathan Moy, head coach at Putnam City High. "It was frustrating at times because we had a very good offensive team. She made us look very average more than once. From what I've seen, she's also a quality person off the field."

Brown has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on an athletic scholarship at Southern Nazarene 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.

Brown joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Players of the Year Jessica Walker (2012-13, Grove High School), Darcy Taylor (2011-12, Jenks High School), Whitney Robinson (2010-11, Carl Albert High School), Ashley Paxton (2009-10, Mustang), Chelsea Lyon (2008-09, Broken Arrow Senior), Kasha Kolb (2007-08, Chelsea), and Misty Flesher (2006-07, Lone Grove) among the state's list of former award winners.

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