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**DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DELAWARE VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 11, 2014) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Sydney Fulton of Delaware Military Academy as its 2014-15 Gatorade Delaware Volleyball Player of the Year. Fulton is the first Gatorade Delaware Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Delaware Military Academy.

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 Fulton as Delaware's best high school volleyball player. Fulton joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 5-foot-6 sophomore setter collected 626 assists this past season, leading the Seahawks (16-2) to the state semifinals. A First Team All-State selection as named by the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, Fulton also recorded 130 digs, 75 service aces and 59 kills. In three state tournament matches, she totaled 125 assists, 32 digs, 15 service aces, 12 kills and two blocks.

Fulton has maintained a 4.00 GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating her time as a youth volleyball instructor, she has completed 65 hours of community service on behalf of her school.

"I coached two-time Gatorade Delaware Volleyball Player of the Year Lauren Kerrigan, and that was one thing I see in Fulton," said Barb Trinsey, head coach of rival Wilmington Friends School. "A lot of setters have a weakness in their defense, but Fulton doesn't, and she makes any hitter look better on offense."

Fulton will begin her junior year of high school in the fall of 2015.

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.

Fulton joins recent Gatorade Delaware Volleyball Players of the Year Abbie Mirabella (2013-14, St. Mark's High School), Lauren Kerrigan (2012-13 & 2011-12, Wilmington Friends School), Kelly Perillo (2010-11, Charter School of Wilmington), Mariah Henley (2009-10, Ursuline Academy), Nikki Kinnier (2008-09, Saint Mark's) and Meghan Bonk (2007-08, Ursuline Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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