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GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 11, 2014) — In its 30<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 Evelyn Gray of Maret School as its 2014-15 Gatorade District of Columbia Volleyball Player of the Year. Gray is the fifth Gatorade District of Columbia Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Maret 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 Gray as District of Columbia's best high school volleyball player. Gray 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-11 sophomore outside hitter recorded 354 kills, 301 digs, 92 service aces and 22 blocks while posting a kill percentage of .597 and leading the Frogs (17-7) to the District of Columbia State Athletic Association championship game this past season. A two-time Independent School League AA All-League selection, Gray was a 2014 American Volleyball Coaches Association Phenom List honoree.

Gray has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. A talented bassoonist and a member of the yearbook staff, she has volunteered on behalf of her school's Active in Action for Women organization and as a youth volleyball coach.

"Evelyn Gray is the entire package," said Maret School head coach Liz Hall. "She is an outstanding player, a tremendous leader and someone who thrives on competition. She is extremely humble given her incredible talent."

Gray will begin her junior year of high school next 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.

Gray joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Volleyball Players of the Year Becca Bateman (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. John's College High School), Darian Dozier (2011-12, St. John's College High School), Isabel Eberstadt (2010-11, National Cathedral School), Jessie Egan (2009-10, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School), Carolyn Bottelier (2008-09, Maret School) and Kelley Vershbow (2007-08, Maret School) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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