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**CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® INDIANA 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 Carly Skjodt of Carmel High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year. Skjodt is the first Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Carmel 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 Skjodt as Indiana's best high school volleyball player. Skjodt 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 6-foot senior outside hitter led the Greyhounds to a 32-7 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. An Under Armour First Team All-America selection as named by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, Skjodt slammed 584 kills while recording a .414 hitting percentage. A three-time Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Class 4A First Team All-State honoree, Skjodt amassed 465 digs, 332 service receptions, 93 blocks, 33 service aces and 30 assists. In a 3-1, title-clinching victory against Indianapolis Cathedral, she collected 22 kills, 12 digs and five blocks.

Skjodt has maintained a 3.59 GPA in the classroom and received Carmel's CLASS Award for excellence in academics. In addition to donating her time as a peer facilitator for her school's special needs students, she has volunteered on behalf of her church, the Young Life mentoring program, the Special Olympics and the Unified Sports charitable initiative.

"On the court, Carly has the ability to single-handedly take over a match regardless if she is in the front row or the back row," said Carmel head coach Rich Coleman. "Her offensive ability is highly regarded, however her passing ability and defensive prowess is something that is head and shoulders above the competition. Carly's ability to read hitters, put herself into position to make a dig, and complete the skill to perfection is uncommon for someone with such tremendous offensive ability."

Skjodt has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Michigan 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.

Skjodt joins recent Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Players of the Year Azariah Stahl (2013-14, Elkhart Central High School), Lauryn Gillis (2012-13, New Castle High School), Emily Wolfert (2011-12, Yorktown High School), Taylor Morey (2010-11, Muncie Burriss Laboratory School), Taylor Unroe (2009-10, Muncie Burriss Laboratory School), Darcy Dorton (2008-09, Delta) and Caitlin Cox (2007-08, New Castle Chrysler) among the state's list of former award winners.

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