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**MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® LOUISIANA 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 Katie Kampen of Mount Carmel Academy as its 2014-15 Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Player of the Year. Kampen is the second Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mount Carmel 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 Kampen as Louisiana's best high school volleyball player. Kampen 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 returning Gatorade State Player of the Year, the 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter led the Cubs to a 47-2 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Kampen recorded 572 kills, 380 digs, 80 blocks and 55 service aces while posting a hitting percentage of .422 and a kill percentage of .490. The state's 2014 Miss Volleyball, Kampen is a 2014 Second Team All-America selection by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,983 kills and 1,501 digs.

Kampen has maintained a weighted 4.64 GPA in the classroom. A student ambassador at Mount Carmel, she is a member of the National Honor Society, the French National Honor Society and the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. She has volunteered locally with Habitat for Humanity and as part of multiple community service activities through her church.

"Whenever something needed to be done to change momentum, Katie Kampen was usually in the middle of it, either by serve, dig or kill," said Jody Walker, head coach of Mandeville High. "She was a rally-buster for the other team."

Kampen has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on a scholarship at Louisiana State University 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.

Two-time winner Kampen joins Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Players of the Year Katherine Broussard (2012-13, Metairie Park Country Day School), Haley Bonneval (2011-12, Fontainebleau High School), Katie Lindelow (2010-11, Mandeville High School), Hannah Miranda (2009-10, Northlake Christian School), Kathryn Stock (2008-09, E.D. White Catholic) and Caitlin Clarke (2007-08, Mount Carmel Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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