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**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MASSACHUSETTS 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 Corinne Cox of Notre Dame Academy as its 2014-15 Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Player of the Year. Cox is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Notre Dame 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 Cox as Massachusetts's best high school volleyball player. Cox 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-1 junior setter recorded 718 assists, 68 kills, 55 blocks, 51 service aces and 33 digs this past season, leading the Cougars (21-1) to the Division 2 state semifinals. A 2013 Boston Globe All-Scholastic selection, Cox is a two-time Division 2 First Team All-State honoree and helped Notre Dame to the 2012 Division 2 state title. She concluded her junior year with 1,518 assists in her prep volleyball career.

Cox has maintained a weighted 4.11 GPA in the classroom. The editor of the school newspaper, she has volunteered locally in association with the Notre Dame Academy Key Club and has donated her time helping senior citizens understand technology through Teens Teaching Technology.

"Corinne Cox has excellent ball-handling skills and can place a set anywhere on the court to anywhere else on the court," said Kali Joseph, head coach of Ursuline Academy. "Her technique is so strong that it is difficult to read where she is going to place her sets."

Cox will begin her senior 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.

Cox joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Volleyball Players of the Year Julia Flynn (2013-14, Notre Dame Academy), Cassidy Stankowski (2012-13 & 2011-12, Frontier Regional School), Maura Manley (2010-11, New Bedford High School), Morgan Thatcher (2009-10 & 2008-09, Brockton) and Mina Baban (2007-08, Westborough) among the state's list of former award winners.

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