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**CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEVADA 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 Berkeley Oblad of Coronado High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year. Oblad is the first Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Coronado 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 Oblad as Nevada's best high school volleyball player. Oblad 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-4 senior middle blocker led the Cougars to a 34-7 record and the Division 1 state championship this past season. Oblad recorded 272 kills, 69 blocks and 41 service aces, while posting a hitting percentage of .442. A 2014-15 Under Armour Second Team All-America selection, she was also named MVP of the Southeast League, the Sunrise Region and Southern Nevada.

Oblad has maintained a 3.63 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church youth group, she has volunteered locally on behalf of a homeless shelter, the Special Olympics and youth volleyball programs.

"Oblad is big, long and athletic," said Phil Clarke, head coach at Palo Verde High. "Her size alone would be a problem, but she has great skill to go with that size. She's powerful, with a good variety of shots, and she can hit from all over the floor."

Oblad has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Utah in the fall of 2015. She will graduate early to begin attending classes on the Salt Lake City campus during the upcoming spring semester.

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.

Oblad joins recent Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Players of the Year Deja Harris (2013-14, Calvary Chapel Christian School), Lyndsey Anderson (2012-13, Spanish Springs High School), Makenna Lommori (2011-12 & 2010-11, Yerington High School), Siga Appelgate (2009-10, Green Valley), and Hayley Spelman (2008-09 & 2007-08, Durango) among the state's list of former award winners.

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