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**SANDIA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW MEXICO 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 Amanda Carroll of Sandia High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Mexico Volleyball Player of the Year. Carroll is the second Gatorade New Mexico Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sandia 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 Carroll as New Mexico's best high school volleyball player. Carroll 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 state's returning Gatorade State Player of the Year, the 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter tallied 331 kills, 353 digs, 113 blocks and 27 service aces this past season, leading the Matadors (20-1) to the Class 6A state semifinals. The 2013 Albuquerque Journal Metro Player of the Year, Carroll is a two-time District 5-5A Player of the Year and a four-time First Team All-District selection. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,081 kills and 879 digs.

Carroll has maintained a weighted 4.04 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Student Senate at Sandia High, she has volunteered locally in association with her school's Key Club and has donated her time as a youth volleyball coach.

"Amanda Carroll is so versatile and a big threat all the way around," said Dawn C'deBaca, head coach of Volcano Vista High. "She is the most dominant player in the state."

Carroll has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on a scholarship at Florida Gulf Coast 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 Carroll joins Gatorade New Mexico Volleyball Players of the Year Julia Warren (2012-2013 & 2011-12, La Cueva High School), Nathalie Castellanos (2010-11, Gadsden High School), Halie Harton (2009-10, Goddard), Kristin Valencia (2008-09, Moriarty) and Kayla Hammond (2007-08, Rio Rancho) among the state's list of former award winners.

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