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**ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW YORK 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 Leah Meyer of St. Mary's High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New York Volleyball Player of the Year. Meyer is the first Gatorade New York Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Mary's 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 Meyer as New York's best high school volleyball player. Meyer 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-3 senior middle blocker led the Lancers to a 47-0-1 record, the New York State Catholic High School Athletic Association championship and a No. 20 ranking nationally according to PrepVolleyball.com. Meyer recorded 460 kills, 139 digs, 79 blocks and 53 service aces this past season, with a hitting percentage of .468. A four-time All-Conference selection and a three-time Monsignor Martin League MVP, she was ranked as the No. 45 Senior Ace nationally by PrepVolleyball.com.

Meyer has maintained an A average in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has volunteered locally as a mentor for younger students and as a summer camp counselor.

"Leah Meyer is one of the most dominant players I've ever had to coach against," said Kyle Shanley, head coach at Immaculata Academy. "She hits from the back row, passes really well, serves well ... she's just a complete player. She's in a league of her own."

Meyer has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Duke 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.

Meyer joins recent Gatorade New York Volleyball Players of the Year Luisa Schirmer (2013-14 & 2012-13, Pittsford Sutherland High School), Melissa Rigo (2011-12, Elwood-John H. Glenn High School), Heather Feldman (2010-11, Eden High School), Mary Cushman (2009-10 & 2008-09, West Irondequoit), and Erin Little (2007-08, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) among the state's list of former award winners.

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