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**NORMAN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 11, 2014) — In its 30<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Audrey Alford of Norman North High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Oklahoma Volleyball Player of the Year. Alford is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Norman North 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 Alford as Oklahoma's best high school volleyball player. Alford 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 5-foot-10 senior setter recorded 1,021 assists, 292 digs, 99 kills and 56 service aces while posting a kill percentage of .420 and leading the Timberwolves (21-11) to the Class 6A quarterfinals this past season. A 2014 First Team All-State selection, Alford is also a 2014-15 American Volleyball Coaches Association Second Team Under Armour All-America honoree.

Alford has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and as a youth volleyball coach and camp counselor.

"Audrey Alford is an extremely well-trained setter and is very consistent," said Norman North head coach Stephanie Kane. "She never had a bad game and her sets were always on point. Her leadership never failed our young team and they rallied behind her and played great volleyball all season."

Alford has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Oklahoma 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.

Alford joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Volleyball Players of the Year Josie Gandall (2013-14, Bishop Kelley High School), Claire Kelley (2012-13, Bishop Kelley High School), Inky Ajanaku (2011-12, Bishop Kelley High School), Micha Hancock (2010-11 & 2009-10, Edmond Memorial High School), Amy Lewis (2008-09, Bishop Kelley) and Kelsey Hancock (2007-08, Edmond Memorial) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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