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**BAYLOR SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® TENNESSEE 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 Gabby Gray of Baylor School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year. Gray is the first Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Baylor 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 Gray as Tennessee's best high school volleyball player. Gray 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 sophomore outside hitter led the Red Raiders to a 43-9 record and the Division II-AA state championship this past season. Gray amassed 605 kills, 354 digs, 71 service aces and 31 blocks. A MaxPreps Freshman All-American in 2013, she is a two-time All-State honoree and was named MVP of the Div. II-AA state final.

Gray has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. Also a talented artist, she has volunteered locally on behalf of youth volleyball programs.

"Gray is young, but she's absolutely the real deal," said Paul Brock, head coach at Girls Preparatory School. "It's hard to stop her at the net, but she can also pass and play all the way around."

Gray will begin her junior 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.

Gray joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Players of the Year Hunter Thompson (2013-14, Brentwood High School), Kathryn Hutson (2012-13, Ravenwood High School), Alyssa Ivey (2011-12, Ravenwood High School), Madelyn Hutson (2010-11, Ravenwood High School), Megan Devine (2009-10, Dobyns-Bennett), Nicole Smith (2008-09, Page) and Hannah Shadrick (2007-08, Girls Preparatory School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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