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CLEAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® TEXAS 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 Alyssa Enneking of Clear Falls High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Texas Volleyball Player of the Year. Enneking is the first Gatorade Texas Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clear Falls 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 Enneking as Texas's best high school volleyball player. Enneking 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-11 senior outside hitter amassed 858 kills, 580 digs and 63 blocks this past season, leading the Knights (33-11) to the Class 6A state finals. A 2014-15 Under Armour First Team All-America selection, Enneking is a three-time All-State honoree and was chosen Class 5A-6A Athlete of the Year by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Enneking has maintained a 3.95 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's student council, Enneking has volunteered locally on behalf of food-donation drives.

"Alyssa Enneking is just an amazing, amazing player," said Scott Simonds, head coach at Clear Creek High. "She sees the court better than any player I've ever faced. She's a great defensive player, a great passer, a great player all around. She doesn't really have any weaknesses. She jumps so high, hits the ball so hard, and she almost never gets blocked."

Enneking 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.

Enneking joins recent Gatorade Texas Volleyball Players of the Year Courtney Eckenrode (2013-14, The Woodlands High School), Chiaka Ogbogu (2012-13, Coppell High School), Amy Neal (2011-12, Lake Travis High School), Tiffany Baker (2010-11, Hebron High School), Sara Shaw (2009-10, Westlake), Torri Campbell (2008-09, Amarillo) and Brianne Barker (2007-08, Amarillo) among the state's list of former award winners.

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