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**SNOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® UTAH 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 Alexsa Parker of Snow Canyon High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year. Parker is the second Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Snow Canyon 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 Parker as Utah's best high school volleyball player. Parker 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-9 junior outside hitter led the Warriors to a 28-4 record and the Class 3A state championship this past season. Parker recorded 466 kills, 315 digs, 40 blocks and 39 service aces. The two-time Region 9 MVP, she's also a three-time First Team All-State honoree.

Parker has maintained a 3.72 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of youth volleyball programs and a school anti-bullying initiative.

"Parker is their best passer, best setter, best hitter," said Tera Carter, head coach at Dixie High. "She's an all-around player who can do anything she wants with the ball. She's got tremendous skills."

Parker will begin her senior 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.

Parker joins recent Gatorade Utah Volleyball Players of the Year Jessie Jorgensen (2013-14, Timpview High School), McKenzie Willey (2012-13, Lone Peak High School), Ciara Parker (2011-12, Snow Canyon High School), Ashley Garfield (2010-11, Morgan High School), Danica Mendivil (2009-10, Pleasant Grove), Brooke McAlister (2008-09, Pleasant Grove) and Chelsey Garfield (2007-08, Morgan) among the state's list of former award winners.

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