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**GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WISCONSIN 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 Carly Townsend of Germantown High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year. Townsend is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Germantown 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 Townsend as Wisconsin's best high school volleyball player. Townsend 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 right side hitter and setter recorded 689 assists, 582 kills, 65 blocks and 42 service aces while posting a kill percentage of .583 and leading the Warhawks (37-14) to the Division I semifinals this past season. The 2014 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Player of the Year, Townsend averaged 5.8 assists per set in the state tournament. She was also unanimously selected as the North Shore Conference Player of the Year.

Townsend has maintained a 3.04 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, as an organizer for the Germantown Community Scholarship Fund annual banquet and as a youth volleyball coach.

"Townsend was the best setter and one of the best hitters that we played against," said Adam Heitzkey, head coach at Homestead High. "What makes her so impressive is that she made both skills look so easy and she never appeared to be out of control. Her team was good, but she made them great."

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

Townsend joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Players of the Year Simone Lee (2013-14, Menomonee Falls High School), Kaysie Shebeneck (2012-13 & 2011-12, Burlington High School), Crystal Graff (2010-11 & 2009-10, La Follette High School), Carol Henney (2008-09, Catholic Central) and Janelle Gabrielsen (2007-08, Menomonee Falls) among the state's list of former award winners.

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