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**OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 8, 2015) — 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 Maegan Doody of Oyster River High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Doody is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Oyster River 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 racecourse, distinguishes Doody as New Hampshire's best high school girls cross country runner. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year award to be announced in January, Doody joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-00, 2000-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-4 junior won New Hampshire's Meet of Champions with a time of 17:51.20 this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year, Doody also won the Division 2 title in 18:21.50 before winning bronze at the New England Cross Country Championships in 18:26. Also the two-time Runner of the Year as named by both the New Hampshire Cross Country Coaches Association and New Hampshire Union Leader, she took eighth at the Nike Cross Nationals Northeast Regional championships in 19:00, advancing to the NXN Final, where she finished 52nd in 18:40.

Doody has maintained a 3.97 GPA in the classroom. She has donated her time as a member of Oyster River's student council and as a student representative on the district's school board.

"I just wrapped up my 46th year of coaching, and Maegan Doody is one of the all-time best student-athletes I've been privileged to watch as an opposing coach," said Dave Robinson, head coach of rival Plymouth Regional High. "Her strength of resolve, aggressiveness, work ethic and tenacity to go to the front and fend off challengers rivals the greats of past years like those young ladies coming out of Central Mass. in the late 1980s and '90s and dare I say (1999-00 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year) Shalane Flanagan.

Doody will begin her senior year of high school this 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.

Two-time winner Doody joins Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Cross Country Runners of the Year Elizabeth Conway (2012-13, Central High School), Courtney Hawkins (2011-12, Milford High School), Chloe Maleski (2010-11, Keene High School), Heidi Caldwell (2009-10 & 2008-09, Hanover), and Georgia Griffin (2007-08, Hanover) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

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