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NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE NEW JERSEY 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 Eve Glasergreen of North Hunterdon High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Jersey Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Glasergreen is the first Gatorade New Jersey Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from North Hunterdon 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 Glasergreen as New Jersey'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, Glasergreen 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-2 senior raced to the Group 4 individual state championship this past season, with a time of 18:15. Glasergreen took third at the state Meet of Champions in 18:33 and broke the tape at the Shore Coaches Invitational, the Bernie Magee Class Meet and the Sectional championships. She also finished 10th at the Foot Locker Northeast Regional championships.

Glasergreen has maintained a 3.88 GPA in the classroom. Also a talented artist and a member of the French Honor Society, she has volunteered locally on behalf of environmental awareness initiatives.

"Not only does Eve have great accomplishments, but she also has the work ethic of a professional runner," said North Hunterdon coach Sean Walsh. "She's motivated from within and analyzes all of her successes and failures to maximize the next workout or the next race."

Glasergreen will attend Cornell University this fall, where she will compete in cross country and track and field.

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.

Glasergreen joins Gatorade New Jersey Girls Cross Country Runners of the Year Briana Gess (2013-14, Haddonfield Memorial High School), Sarah Disanza (2012-13, High Point Regional High School), Holly Bischof (2011-12, Bishop Eustace Preparatory School), Megan Venables (2010-11, Highland Regional High School), Chelsea Ley (2009-10, Kingsway Regional), and Melanie Thompson (2008-09 & 2007-08, Voorhees) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

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