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**RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 Lindsey Bradley of Richland High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Washington Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Bradley is the first Gatorade Washington Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Richland 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 Bradley as Washington'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, Bradley 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 Class 4A individual state championship this past season with a time of 17:24. Bradley captured bronze at the Nike Cross Nationals Northwest Regional championships in 19:00.8, then finished 12th at the NXN Final to earn All-American honors. She also broke the tape at the Highlander Invitational, the Richland Invitational and the Fort Steilacoom Invitational in 2014.

Bradley has maintained a 3.90 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church youth group, she has volunteered locally on behalf of a Vacation Bible School and youth triathlon events.

"Lindsey has always shown great resolve and fortitude, not letting setbacks derail her goals for herself," said Richland coach Jay Bartlett. "I've been so impressed with her tireless work ethic. She's a role model for younger athletes."

Bradley remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Bradley joins Gatorade Washington Girls Cross Country Runners of the Year Alexa Efraimson (2013-14, Camas High School), Amy-Eloise Neale (2012-13, 2010-11 & 2009-10, Glacier Peak High School), Katie Knight (2011-12, North Central High School), Alyssa Andrews (2008-09, Gig Harbor), and Andrea Nelson (2007-08, Shadle Park) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy.

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