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**BOISE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE IDAHO GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 5, 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 Sophia Kallas of Boise High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Idaho Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Kallas is the fourth Gatorade Idaho Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Boise 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 Kallas as Idaho's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Kallas joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-11 senior forward scored 23 goals and passed for 17 assists this past season, leading the Braves (20-1-1) to the Class 5A state championship game. Also the Idaho High School Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year, Kallas tallied four goals and three assists in three postseason games, including a goal in a 3-2 loss to Centennial High in the Class 5A state title game. The Southern Idaho Conference Class 5A Player of the Year, she concluded her prep soccer career with 44 goals and 36 assists.

Kallas has maintained a 3.73 weighted GPA in the classroom. An active member of her local Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter, she has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics.

"Sophia Kallas had a stand-out season," said Alyssa Gentle, head coach of Mountain View High. "She was such a presence on the field."

Kallas has verbally committed to attend Western Washington University this fall, where she will play soccer.

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.

Kallas joins recent Gatorade Idaho Girls Soccer Players of the Year Raimee Sherle (2013-14, Rocky Mountain High School), Kelcie Hedge (2012-13, Post Falls High School), Brooke Heidemann (2011-12, Rocky Mountain High School), Sofia Huerta (2010-11 & 2009-10, Centennial High School), Miah Mollay (2008-09, Boise High School), Halley Kreminski (2007-08, Eagle High School), and Brandy Hickcox (2006-07, Capital) among the state's list of former award winners.

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