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**IOLANI SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 19, 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 Kristen Hori of Iolani School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Hori is the second Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Iolani 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 Hori as Hawaii'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, Hori 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-3 senior forward scored 14 goals and passed for 21 assists this past season, leading the Raiders (12-1-3) to the Division I state championship game. Hori was the 2015 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Offensive Player of the Year and a First Team All-State honoree by the Honolulu Advertiser. She concluded her prep soccer career with 24 goals and 25 assists.

Hori has maintained a weighted 4.33 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. A National Merit Commended Scholar, she has volunteered locally with Iolani's Self Defense Club and as a youth soccer coach.

"Kristen had a fantastic senior season and was a threat all year long," said Missy Moore, head coach of Kamehameha School. "She was very consistent in every game she played."

Hori will attend Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where she will play soccer beginning 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.

Hori joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Players of the Year Kiani Halushka (2013-14, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Jill Shimabuku (2012-13, Iolani School), Carly Neal (2011-12, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Caprice Dydasco (2010-11, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Mari Miyashiro (2009-10, Mililani High School), Jayann Gabrio (2008-09, Punahou School), Tani Costa (2007-08, Kalani High School), and Mari Punzal (2006-07, Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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