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**ST. TERESA'S ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MISSOURI 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 Dorian Bailey of St. Teresa's Academy as its 2014-15 Gatorade Missouri Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Bailey is the fourth Gatorade Missouri Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Teresa's Academy.

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 Bailey as Missouri'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, Bailey 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 returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-6 senior forward and midfielder had led the Stars to a 15-2-1 record and a berth in the Class 4, District 14 tournament semifinals at the time of her selection. Bailey scored 12 goals and passed for four assists through 18 games, missing five to participate in a training camp with the U.S. Soccer Under-19 Women's National Team. The 2014 Missouri Soccer Coaches Association Class 3 Co-Player of the Year, she was a 2014 All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and is rated as the No. 8 recruit in the nation for the Class of 2015 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Bailey has maintained an A average in the classroom. A member of the Interact Club through Rotary International, she has volunteered locally at a preschool for special-needs children and as a youth soccer coach.

"Dorian is an extremely talented soccer player," said Todd Krey, head coach of Lee's Summit West High. "She has the ability to take over a game when necessary, but at the same time, play simple."

Bailey has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at the University of North Carolina 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.

Two-time winner Bailey joins Gatorade Missouri Girls Soccer Players of the Year Jaycie Johnson (2012-13, Lee's Summit West High School), Allie Stephenson (2011-12, Lee's Summit North High School), Shea Groom (2010-11 & 2009-10, Liberty High School), Morgan Marlborough (2008-09, Lee's Summit North), Molly Campbell (2007-08, St. Teresa's Academy), and Lauren Fowlkes (2006-07, St. Teresa's Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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