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**GEORGETOWN VISITATION PREPARATORY SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 4, 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 Alee Burke of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School as its 2014-15 Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Player of the Year. Burke is the third Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory 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 Burke as District of Columbia's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Burke joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield 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.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-6 senior right-handed pitcher led the Cubs to a 13-5 record, a second consecutive Independent School League AA championship and the DCSAA title this past season. A returning Washington Post Honorable Mention All-Met selection, Burke posted a 13-5 record with a 1.40 ERA and 114 strikeouts in 109 innings pitched. A two-time First Team All-ISL selection, she batted .500 with nine extra-base hits, 20 runs scored and 22 RBI, recording a .561 on-base percentage and .821 slugging percentage.

Burke has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom while also serving in Visitation's student government and participating in her school's peer mediation initiative. In addition to donating her time as a youth basketball and softball instructor, she has volunteered on behalf of Catholic Charities, Operation Second Chance, the Wounded Warrior Project and numerous non-profit efforts to benefit the homeless.

"Visitation is our archrival, but you can't deny that Alee Burke was great," said John Soroka, head coach of rival National Cathedral School. "She was as valuable as a hitter as she was as a pitcher. She has good stuff, throws strikes and made you hit the ball, and she was the hitter you had to concentrate on. I don't think Visitation would've been anywhere near the team they ended up being the past two years without her."

Burke will attend Notre Dame College in Euclid, Ohio, where she will play softball 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.

Burke joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Players of the Year Sarah Ing (2013-14, 2012-13 & 2011-12, National Cathedral School), Caroline Sealander (2010-11 & 2009-10, Maret School), Christina Clark (2008-09, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School), Alie Kolbe (2007-08 & 2006-07, National Cathedral School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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