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**MARYKNOLL SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® HAWAII 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 Shearyna Labasan of Maryknoll School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Hawaii Softball Player of the Year. Labasan is the first Gatorade Hawaii Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Maryknoll 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 Labasan as Hawaii's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Labasan 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-5 senior right-handed pitcher posted a 15-3 record with a 1.68 ERA and 167 strikeouts in 129 innings, leading the Spartans (15-3-1) to the Division I semifinals this past season. A three-time First Team All-State selection and the 2015 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Player of the Year, Labasan batted .444 with a .680 slugging percentage and a .553 on-base percentage.

Labasan has maintained a 3.86 weighted GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society and an accomplished violist and ukulele player, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Wahiawa General Hospital.

"Shearyna Labasan is quiet and humble by nature but competitive in spirit," said Maryknoll head coach John Uekawa. "She has become the role model that I hope every future softball player can be. She is unselfish and accountable."

Labasan has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at Western Washington University 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.

Labasan joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Softball Players of the Year Aubree Kim (2013-14, Mililani High School), Jaci Young (2012-13, Punahou School), Keiki Carlos (2011-12 & 2010-11, Mid-Pacific Institute), Katie Manuma (2009-10, Campbell), Brittney Guro (2008-09, Iolani School), Amber Waracka (2007-08, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama), and Nicole Alconcel (2006-07, Baldwin) among the state's list of former award winners.

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