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**BISHOP CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® KANSAS 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 Brittany Finney of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Kansas Softball Player of the Year. Finney is the first Gatorade Kansas Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Carroll Catholic 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 Finney as Kansas's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Finney 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 6-foot-1 senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman posted a 15-0 record in the circle along with a 0.30 ERA this past season, leading the Golden Eagles (25-0) to a second straight Class 5A state title. Finney struck out 112 batters in 70 innings pitched, allowing just 20 hits and eight walks. A two-time Class 5A First Team All-State selection, Finney batted .774 with 17 home runs and 54 RBI. She cranked 13 doubles and three triples, scored 35 runs and drew 25 walks, striking out just once. She finished the season with an .846 on-base percentage and a 1.903 slugging percentage and concluded her prep softball career with a state-record 38 home runs.

Finney has maintained a weighted 3.96 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a teacher's aide for developmentally disabled and handicapped children in addition to serving as a youth softball coach.

"Quite simply, Brittany Finney is the best high school pitcher I have seen throughout my playing and coaching career," said Loren Scarbrough, head coach of Wichita Southeast High. "She has a fastball in the 70s and a devastating change-up that prevents hitters from sitting on the fastball."

Finney has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Oklahoma 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.

Finney joins recent Gatorade Kansas Softball Players of the Year Allison Stewart (2013-14, 2012-13 & 2011-12, Olathe East High School), Shelby Davis (2010-11, Goddard High School), Kelsey Stewart (2009-10, Arkansas City High School), Nikki Armagost (2008-09, Andover Central High School), Paige Ladenburger (2007-08, Washburn Rural High School), and Eranne Daugharthy (2006-07, Olathe East High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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