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**ALVIRNE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Kaycee Carbone of Alvirne High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Player of the Year. Carbone is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Alvirne 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 Carbone as New Hampshire's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Carbone 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 shortstop led the Broncos to a 14-4 record and a berth in the Division I state tournament, scheduled to begin June 3. Carbone batted .620 with a pair of home runs, 29 runs scored and an .880 slugging percentage through 18 games. A First Team All-State selection, she has struck out only twice in 50 at-bats and made just two errors in 55 fielding chances at shortstop.

Carbone has maintained a 4.20 weighted GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society charity, the Alvirne Dance Marathon to benefit the Boston Children's Hospital and as a youth softball coach.

"Kaycee Carbone epitomizes what a student-athlete should be," said Phil McElroy, program director of the Polar Crush 18U Gold team. "She possesses the qualities necessary to excel in the classroom and on the softball field. Her work ethic is outstanding and her competitive nature makes her an outstanding performer under pressure. She also displays great sportsmanship at all times and is an excellent role model."

Carbone has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst 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.

Carbone joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Players of the Year Erika Millett (2013-14, White Mountains Regional High School), Katelyn Kennard (2012-13, Concord High School), Taylor Carbone (2011-12 & 2010-11, Alvirne High School), Kelsey Martel (2009-10, Concord High School), Paige Hansen (2008-09, Concord High School), and Amanda Barton (2007-08 & 2006-07, Franklin High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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