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**DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® ALASKA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 8, 2015) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Brynn Sulte of Dimond High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Alaska Volleyball Player of the Year. Sulte is the fifth Gatorade Alaska Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dimond 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 Sulte as Alaska's best high school volleyball player. Sulte joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 6-foot-2 junior middle blocker led the Lynx to a 32-9-1 record and the Class 4A state title this past season. The 2015 Class 4A state tournament MVP, Sulte slammed 214 kills with 130 digs and 109 blocks while producing a .472 kill percentage. A First Team All-Conference selection, she was named MVP of the Dimond-Service Tournament.

Sulte has maintained a 4.04 weighted GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society and the Key Club, she has served as the president of her graduating class in addition to volunteering locally as a ski instructor and youth volleyball coach.

"Brynn Sulte is the pure definition of a true student-athlete," said Dimond High head coach Kim Lauwers. "She sets high goals and she accomplishes them through hard work. She is never satisfied and she continues to get better every year."

Sulte will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Sulte joins recent Gatorade Alaska Volleyball Players of the Year Kayla Sims (2014-15, South Anchorage High School), Leah Swiss (2013-14 & 2012-13, Dimond High School), Morgan Hooe (2011-12, South Anchorage High School), Deanna Nielson (2010-11, Dimond High School), Taylor Adams (2009-10, Dimond High School), Lauren Fulton (2008-09, Dimond High School) and Sarah Hibbert (2007-08, South Anchorage High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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