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**CHEROKEE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® COLORADO VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 8, 2015) — In its 31<sup>st</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Shannon Webb of Cherokee Trail High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Colorado Volleyball Player of the Year. Webb is the first Gatorade Colorado Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Cherokee Trail 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 Webb as Colorado's best high school volleyball player. Webb 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-1 senior outside hitter led the Cougars to a 25-4 record and the Class 5A state championship this past season. Webb slammed 516 kills while recording a .419 kill percentage and .314 hitting percentage. A returning Class 5A Second Team All-State selection as named by the Colorado High School Athletic Association, Webb amassed 387 service receptions, 256 digs, 76 blocks and 34 service aces. In a title-clinching sweep of Denver East, she collected 17 kills, eight digs and two blocks.

Webb has maintained a 3.62 GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating her time as a youth volleyball instructor and serving as part of her school's athletic leadership initiative, she has created and donated fleece blankets for a children's hospital.

"I've yet to meet a more driven and dedicated athlete," said Cherokee Trail head coach Terry Miller. "She has grown into one of the most formidable outside hitters in the state of Colorado, and opposing coaches have to keep this in mind when preparing to play us. Shannon was our starting outside hitter from the moment she came to Cherokee Trail, and she's truly become almost scary with her power and accuracy."

Webb has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at American University in the fall of 2016.

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.

Webb joins recent Gatorade Colorado Volleyball Players of the Year Alexa Smith (2014-15, Lewis-Palmer High School), Haleigh Washington (2013-14 & 2012-13, Doherty High School), Nicole Dalton (2011-12 & 2010-11, Chaparral High School), Morgan Broekhuis (2009-10 & 2008-09, Colorado Springs Christian High School) and Lauren Van Orden (2007-08, Grandview High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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