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**IOLANI SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® HAWAII 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 Bailey Choy of Iolani School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year. Choy is the second Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Iolani 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 Choy as Hawaii's best high school volleyball player. Choy 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 5-foot-9 senior setter distributed 574 assists with 197 digs and 15 service aces, leading the Raiders (17-3) to the Division I state final this past season. The Honolulu Star-Advertiser All-State Player of the Year, Choy was also named the Interscholastic League of Honolulu Player of the Year in her final prep campaign.

Choy has maintained a 3.38 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as part of a community clean-up initiative at Neal Blaisdell Park in Honolulu and as a youth volleyball coach.

"Bailey Choy is fluid as an athlete and has a very high volleyball IQ, which helps her to excel as a setter," said Iolani head coach Kainoa Obrey. "Her hands are strong and deceptive and she makes good choices to distribute the ball to all hitters. She is a leader on and off the court and she communicates well, pushing herself and her teammates to be better."

Choy has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Utah 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.

Choy joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year McKenna Granato (2014-15, Punahou School), Alohi Robins-Hardy (2013-14, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Carly Kan (2012-13, Punahou School), Tayler Higgins (2011-12, Punahou School), Misty Ma'a (2010-11, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Sarah Palmer (2009-10 & 2008-09, Hawaii Baptist Academy) and Kanani Herring (2007-08, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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