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**CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEVADA 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 Cali Thompson of Coronado High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year. Thompson is the second Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Coronado 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 Thompson as Nevada's best high school volleyball player. Thompson 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-11 senior setter led the Cougars to a 31-10 record and their third consecutive Division 1 state championship this past season. Thompson recorded 1,262 assists, 174 digs, 86 service aces and 76 kills. A 2015-16 Under Armour Third Team All-American, she's a three-time All-Southern Nevada selection and was named MVP of the Southeast League and the Sunrise Region.

Thompson has maintained a weighted 4.70 GPA in the classroom. A tutor in her school, she has volunteered locally on behalf of youth volleyball programs, D.A.R.E. and Habitat for Humanity.

"Thompson is on a talented team, but she's the one that makes them go," said Phil Clarke, head coach at Palo Verde High. "She serves tough, she plays good defense and she is great at running the offense."

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

Thompson joins recent Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Players of the Year Berkeley Oblad (2014-15, Coronado High School), Deja Harris (2013-14, Calvary Chapel Christian School), Lyndsey Anderson (2012-13, Spanish Springs High School), Makenna Lommori (2011-12 & 2010-11, Yerington High School), Siga Appelgate (2009-10, Green Valley High School) and Hayley Spelman (2008-09 & 2007-08, Durango High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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