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**PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® PENNSYLVANIA 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 Kristin Krause of Parkland High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Pennsylvania Volleyball Player of the Year. Krause is the second Gatorade Pennsylvania Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Parkland 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 Krause as Pennsylvania's best high school volleyball player. Krause 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 led the Trojans to a 36-2 record and the Class AAA state championship this past season. Krause recorded 1,225 assists, 186 digs, 76 service aces and 64 kills. A 2015-16 Under Armour First Team All-American, she is also a two-time All-State selection.

Krause has maintained a 3.83 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, an assisted living facility and youth sports programs.

"Krause is an exceptional player," said Laurie Corcoran, head coach at Allentown Central Catholic High. "She controls the tempo of the game and she can run any kind of offense they need. Just a really knowledgeable player who knows exactly where she needs to put the ball for her hitters."

Krause has verbally committed to play volleyball on scholarship at Penn State 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.

Krause joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Volleyball Players of the Year Meg Morningstar (2014-15, North Allegheny High School), Taylor Leath (2013-14, State College Area High School), Kelly Robertson (2012-13, Parkland High School), Alexa Swann (2011-12, Brandywine Heights Area High School), Shelby Manthorpe (2010-11, Merion Mercy Academy), Kate Begor (2009-10, Mt. Lebanon High School), Danielle Carrozza (2008-09, Merion Mercy Academy) and Helen Fitzpatrick (2007-08, Merion Mercy Academy) 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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