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**DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® SOUTH CAROLINA 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 Thayer Hall of Dorman High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year. Hall is the second Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dorman 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 Hall as South Carolina's best high school volleyball player. Hall 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-3 sophomore outside hitter slammed 570 kills while recording a .539 kill percentage and .417 hitting percentage this past season, leading the Cavaliers (35-4) to the Class AAAA state final. Also the Class 4A Player of the Year as named by the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports, Hall amassed 310 digs, 239 service receptions, 58 service aces and 36 blocks. A two-time club All-American, she led the Upward Stars to the 2015 AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships this past summer, capturing tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

Also an accomplished artist and basketball standout, Hall has maintained a 4.94 weighted GPA in the classroom and has served as a member of her school's leadership program. In addition to donating her time as a youth volleyball instructor, she has volunteered locally on behalf of a soup kitchen, her church, the Special Olympics and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Thayer Hall is quite possibly the best player and athlete I have seen as a high school coach," said April Raymond, head coach at rival Raymond High. "She's extremely effective and powerful."

Hall will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Hall joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Players of the Year Jamila Johnson (2014-15, St. Joseph's Catholic School), Maddie Palmer (2013-14, Hillcrest High School), Sydney Moseley (2012-13, Hillcrest High School), Kylie Haun (2011-12, Hillcrest High School), Karis Watson (2010-11, Rock Hill High School), Kellie Schmidt (2009-10, Lexington High School), Christina Glover (2008-09, Wando High School) and Ashley Marshall (2007-08, Hillcrest High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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