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CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® SOUTH DAKOTA 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 Jenna Reiff of Chester High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade South Dakota Volleyball Player of the Year. Reiff is the first Gatorade South Dakota Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Chester 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 Reiff as South Dakota's best high school volleyball player. Reiff 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-2 senior middle hitter led the Flyers to a 30-2 record and the Class B state title this past season. Reiff tallied 549 kills, 239 digs, 99 blocks and 44 service aces, while posting a .473 kill percentage and a .370 hitting percentage. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,572 kills and 977 digs.

Reiff has maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally with find-a-cure campaigns to benefit breast cancer and Parkinson's disease research, and has donated her time to a homeless shelter in addition to serving as a youth volleyball coach.

"Every coach schemed ways to try and stop Jenna Reiff, but unsuccessfully," said Jill Christensen, head coach of Parker High. "I don't need stats to know what she can do and did to us three times this season."

Reiff has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Northern 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.

Reiff joins recent Gatorade South Dakota Volleyball Players of the Year Taryn Kloth (2014-15, O'Gorman High School), Maggie DeJong (2013-14 & 2012-13, Roosevelt High School), Erin Radke (2011-12, Lincoln High School), Wagner Larson (2010-11, Roosevelt High School), Marcelina Glab (2009-10, Watertown High School), Heather Goehring (2008-09, Roosevelt High School) and Amber Wollschlager (2007-08, Milbank High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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