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**KENNEDY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WASHINGTON 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 Shayne McPherson of Kennedy Catholic High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Washington Volleyball Player of the Year. McPherson is the first Gatorade Washington Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Kennedy Catholic 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 McPherson as Washington's best high school volleyball player. McPherson 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-7 senior outside hitter led the Lancers to a 29-2 record and the Class 3A state championship this past season. McPherson tallied 300 kills, 262 digs and 93 service aces while posting a kill percentage of .475. The MVP of the Class 3A state tournament and the Player of the Year in the Seamount Conference, she was a 2015 Honorable Mention Under Armour All-American selection by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

McPherson has maintained a 3.77 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a tutor to at-risk elementary school students and as a youth volleyball coach.

"Shayne McPherson doesn't have the size of some others, but she is totally dynamic and her defense is amazing," said Tawnya Brewer, head coach of Burlington-Edison High. "Hands down, she is the best all-around player. Her serve absolutely killed us."

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

McPherson joins recent Gatorade Washington Volleyball Players of the Year Carson Heilborn (2014-15, Auburn Riverside High School), Courtney Schwan (2013-14 & 2012-13, Bellarmine Preparatory School), Katlyn Mataya (2011-12, Burlington-Edison High School), Rachel Roeder (2010-11, Issaquah High School), Alexis Olgard (2009-10, Mead High School), Kylin Munoz (2008-09, Monroe High School) and Brittany Quick (2007-08, Hanford High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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