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GATORADE New Mexico GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (February 4, 2016) — 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 **Jordyn Lacy of La Cueva High School** as its **2015-16 Gatorade New Mexico Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Lacy is the seventh Gatorade New Mexico Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from La Cueva 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 Lacy as New Mexico’s best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Lacy joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O’Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-4 senior forward scored 28 goals and passed for 10 assists this past season, leading the Bears (16-3-1) to the Class 6A state semifinals. The state winner of the 2015 Wendy’s High School Heisman award, Lacy participated in the High School All-American Game in North Carolina in December and was a two-time First Team All-State selection. She concluded her prep soccer career with 74 goals and 25 assists.

Lacy has maintained a weighted 4.20 GPA in the classroom. A member of the La Cueva High student senate, she has volunteered locally in the pediatric ward at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque. She has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach.

“Jordyn Lacy is consistently the most dangerous player on the field,” said Paul Maestas, head coach of Eldorado High. “She is a scoring threat at all times regardless of where she is on the field.”

Lacy has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at the University of Texas at San Antonio beginning this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](http://www.gatorade.com/poy/overview.aspx) 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](http://www.usatodayhss.com/customize), 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.

Lacy joins recent Gatorade New Mexico Girls Soccer Players of the Year Cassie Boren (2014-15, La Cueva High School), Zoie Hensley (2013-14, Taos High School), Courtney Riley (2012-13, La Cueva High School), Erika Nelson (2011-12, Hope Christian High School), Victoria Barba (2010–11 & 2008–09, Sandia High School), Jenni White (2009-10, Albuquerque Academy), Courtney Tinnin (2007-08, St. Pius X High School), and Alexis Ball (2006-07, La Cueva High School) among the state’s list of former award winners.

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