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Scappoose High School STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE Oregon 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 **Lucy Davidson of Scappoose High School** as its **2015-16 Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Davidson is the first Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Scappoose 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 Davidson as Oregon’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, Davidson 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 state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-7 senior midfielder and defender led the Indians to an 18-0 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Davidson scored 31 goals and passed for 14 assists, including a pair of goals in a 5-0 win over Brookings-Harbor High in the state final. A two-time Class 4A State Player of the Year, Davidson has participated in a training camp with the U.S. Soccer Under-20 Women’s National Team. She concluded her prep soccer career with 87 goals and 47 assists.

Davidson has maintained a 4.33 weighted GPA in the classroom and is ranked No. 2 in her class. The president of the Scappoose High National Honor Society, she has volunteered locally as part of community-beautification projects and as a mentor to elementary and middle school students. She has also donated her time to an annual Christmas party for foster children and their families.

“Lucy Davidson is the ultimate player,” said Brian Reed, head coach of Banks High. “If you focus on her, she gets her teammates involved. If you don’t focus on her she kills you.”

Davidson has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at the University of Portland 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.

Two-time winner Davidson joins Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Players of the Year Jill Farley (2013-14, Tualatin High School), Ashlee Schulz (2012-13, Thurston High School), Anna-Marie Popma (2011-12, Tualatin High School), Maryn Beutler (2010–11, Bend Senior High School), Sarah Bridges (2009-10, Jesuit High School), Kendall Johnson (2008–09, Lincoln High School) and Courtney Verloo (2007-08 & 2006-07, Tualatin High School) among the state’s list of former award winners.

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