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Winfield High School STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE West Virginia 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 **Jordan Pauley of Winfield High School** as its **2015-16 Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Pauley is the fourth Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Winfield 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 Pauley as West Virginia’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, Pauley 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-7 senior midfielder led the Generals to a 23-1-1 record and a fourth straight Class AAA state championship this past season. Pauley scored 14 goals and passed for two assists, tallying the game-winning goal in a 3-1 win over Parkersburg High in the state final. The West Virginia Soccer Coaches Association Class AAA Player of the Year, Pauley is a two-time First Team All-State selection. She concluded her prep soccer career with 48 goals and 52 assists.

Pauley has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. The vice president of the Winfield High student council, she has worked in the Putnam County Clerk’s Office and has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach.

“Jordan Pauley was the best player on her team and in Class AAA,” said Ali Sadeghian, head coach of George Washington High. “She is a Division I college player by her style and physical play.”

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

Pauley joins recent Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Players of the Year Jayne Lawman (2014-15 & 2013-14, Winfield High School), Michelle Newhouse (2012-13, Capital High School), Haleigh Hoff (2011-12, Winfield High School), Sami Molina (2010–11, Cabell Midland High School), Whitney Cavender (2009-10, University High School), Sarah Cogswell (2008–09, Jefferson High School), Megan Johnson (2007-08, George Washington High School), and Kim Abcouwer (2006-07, Charleston Catholic High School) among the state’s list of former award winners.

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