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CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® HAWAII SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 2, 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 Jocelyn Alo of Campbell High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Hawaii Softball Player of the Year. Alo is the second Gatorade Hawaii Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Campbell 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 Alo as Hawaii's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Alo joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-8 junior catcher led the Sabers (17-1) to the Division I state title this past season. A First Team All-Oahu Interscholastic Association selection, Alo batted .612 with eight home runs, 30 RBI and a 1.726 OPS this spring. She was named Most Outstanding Player of the Division I state tournament, going 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBI in a 12-2, title-clinching win over Kapolei.

Alo has maintained a 3.75 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple community cleanup initiatives and as a youth softball coach in addition to donating her time to a car wash fundraiser in association with her school.

"Jocelyn Alo is a student-athlete who works hard in the classroom and on the softball field," said Campbell High head coach Shag Mermosura. "She leads by example with her work ethic both at home and in the community. She puts in countless of hours taking extra batting practice or in the gym to get the edge while no one is watching." Alo has verbally committed to play softball on scholarship at the University of California at Berkeley beginning in the fall of 2017.

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.

Alo joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Softball Players of the Year Shearyna Labasan (2014-15, Maryknoll School), Aubree Kim (2013-14, Mililani High School), Jaci Young (2012-13, Punahou School), Keiki Carlos (2011-12, Mid-Pacific Institute), Keiki Carlos, (2010-11, Mid-Pacific Institute), Katie Manuma, (2009-10, Campbell High School), Brittney Guro (2008-09, 'Iolani School), Amber Waracka (2007-08, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), and Nicole Alconcel, (2006-07, Baldwin High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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