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**MOUNT SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEW JERSEY SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 2, 2016) — In its 31<sup>st</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced **Kelsey Oh of Mount Saint Dominic Academy** as its **2015-16 Gatorade New Jersey Softball Player of the Year**. Oh is the first Gatorade New Jersey Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mount Saint Dominic Academy.

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 Oh as New Jersey's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Oh 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 6-foot-1 junior right-handed pitcher had led the Lions to a 24-3 record and a berth in the Non-Public A North semifinals at the time of her selection. The state's returning Gatorade Softball Player of the Year, Oh compiled an 18-3 record with a 0.83 ERA, 270 strikeouts and just 27 walks in 137.1 innings entering the North sectional round of four. Offensively, she has produced a .444 batting average with 18 runs scored and 15 RBI through 27 games.

Oh has maintained an 89.7 average in the classroom. An accomplished clarinetist, she is a member of her school's art club and has volunteered locally on behalf of a homeless shelter and as a youth softball coach.

"Kelsey Oh can and usually does excel on the rubber and she also is a strong offensive threat," said Tom Erbig, head coach at Middletown South High. "Not only is she a very talented athlete, she also continually demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship."

Oh has verbally committed to play softball on scholarship at the University of South Carolina 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.

Two-time winner Oh joins Gatorade New Jersey Softball Players of the Year Steph Thomas (2013-14, Immaculate Heart Academy), Allyson Frei (2012-13, High Point Regional High School), Kelsey Dominik (2011-12, Kingsway Regional High School), Emily Bausher, (2010-11, New Egypt High School), Lauren Gaskill, (2009-10, Rancocas Valley Regional High School), Brittany O'Donnell (2008-09 & 2007-08, Red Bank Catholic High School), and Lyndsey PeQueen, (2006-07, Toms River East High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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