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**DRUMRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA 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 Makenzie Flewellen of Drumright High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Player of the Year. Flewellen is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Drumright 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 Flewellen as Oklahoma's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Flewellen 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-6 senior infielder batted .614 with 58 RBI and a .762 on-base percentage, leading the Tornados (32-7) to the Class 2A semifinals. A First Team All-State selection, she also scored 50 runs, stole 17 bases and produced a 1.149 slugging percentage.

Flewellen has maintained a 3.69 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, she has volunteered locally as a youth softball coach.

"Makenzie Flewellen is an outstanding high school softball player," said Sheldon Fairchild, head coach at Depew High. "I am very glad she is graduating so we don't have to face her anymore."

Flewellen has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at Carl Albert State College this fall.

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.

Flewellen joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Players of the Year Jayden Chestnut (2014-15, Mustang High School), Katelyn Brown (2013-14, Southmoore High School), Jessica Walker (2012-13, Grove High School), Darcy Taylor (2011-12, Jenks High School), Whitney Robinson (2010-11, Carl Albert High School), Ashley Paxton (2009-10, Mustang High School), Chelsea Lyon (2008-09, Broken Arrow Senior High School), Kasha Kolb (2007-08, Chelsea High School), and Misty Flesher (2006-07, Lone Grove High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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