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**CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 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 Rebecca Story of Christian Academy of Knoxville as its 2015-16 Gatorade Tennessee Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Story is the first Gatorade Tennessee Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Christian Academy of Knoxville.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Story as Tennessee's best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Story joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Allyson Felix (2001-02, Los Angeles Baptist, 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.), Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.) and Bianca Knight (2006-07, Ridgeland HS, Miss.).

The 5-foot-5 sophomore won three individual state championships at the Class A-AA state meet this past season, leading the Warriors to a third-place finish as a team. Story won the 800-meter run, the 1600-meter run and the 3200-meter run, and she ran the anchor leg for CAK's winning 4x800-meter relay quartet. Story also placed fourth in the 2-mile run at this month's Brooks PR meet with a time of 10:11.24, which ranked as the nation's No. 6 time in 2016 among prep competitors at the time of her selection. An eight-time state champion, she is also No. 8 nationally in the 3200 (10:16.72), No. 26 in the mile (4:51.72) and No. 79 in the 1600 (4:52.66).

Story has maintained a weighted 4.27 GPA in the classroom. A participant in the Duke University TIP Talented and Gifted Program, she is a member of the CAK student senate and Spanish Club. She has volunteered locally as a youth track coach and as part of multiple community-service initiatives through her church youth group.

"Rebecca Story is one of the most talented young athletes I've seen," said Todd Maxey, head coach of Dresden High. "We have kept up with her since cross country because we have a young lady that's raced against her in middle school and now high school. When you have strong athletes, other strong athletes notice. Rebecca gets noticed!"

Story will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Story joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Tamia Crockett (2014-15, Hardin Valley Academy), Brittany Kelly (2013-14 & 2012-13, Northeast High School), Jennifer Cannon (2011-12, Tennessee High School), Jordan Lavender (2010-11, University School of Nashville), LaQuisha Jackson (2009-10, The Howard School), Sharika Nelvis (2008-09, Northside High School), and Jackie Coward (2007-08 & 2006-07, West High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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