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**IOLANI SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 17, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Elena Oglivie of Iolani School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year. Oglivie is the third Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Iolani 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 Oglivie as Hawaii's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Oglivie joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kayla Banwarth (2006-07, Wahlert HS, Iowa), Alisha Glass (2005-06, Leland Public HS, Mich.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View HS, Neb.) and Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas HS, Fla.).

The 5-foot-10 freshman outside hitter led the Raiders to a 27-12-1 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Oglivie tallied 392 kills, 423 digs, 32 blocks and 23 service aces while posting a kill percentage of .390. The Honolulu Star-Advertiser Player of the Year and a MaxPreps Freshman All-American, she recorded 24 kills and 25 digs in a 3-1 win over Kamehameha School in the state final.

Oglivie has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach and as part of multiple community service initiatives through the I Club at her school and her church youth group. "She did the most for her team at the most crucial moments of their season," said Alan Cabanting, head coach of Moanalua High. "I don't know if they would have been able to win the state championship if she wasn't playing as well as she did."

Oglivie has maintained a 3.83 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her sophomore 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, 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.

Oglivie joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Volleyball Players of the Year Bailey Choy (2015-16, Iolani School), McKenna Granato (2014-15, Punahou School), Alohi Robins-Hardy (2013-14, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Carly Kan (2012-13, Punahou School), Tayler Higgins (2011-12, Punahou School), Misty Ma'a (2010-11, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Sarah Palmer (2009-10 & 2008-09, Hawaii Baptist Academy) and Kanani Herring (2007-08, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Oglivie will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow the conversation on Twitter #GatoradePOY. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy.

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