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**SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE IDAHO 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 Dani Nay of Skyview High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Idaho Volleyball Player of the Year. Nay is the first Gatorade Idaho Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Skyview 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 Nay as Idaho'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, Nay 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 junior outside hitter led the Hawks to a 41-3 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Nay recorded 519 kills, 296 digs, 60 service aces and 39 blocks. The Southern Idaho Conference Player of the Year, she is also a two-time First Team All-State selection.

A devoted member of her church community, Nay has volunteered locally on behalf of the Salvation Army and a homeless shelter. "Nay is a go-to player in crunch time and she always performs," said Dana Williams, head coach at Emmett High. "She has a high kill percentage, she plays great defense and she crushes the ball like a giant, while only being about 5-foot-10."

Nay has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior 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.

Nay joins recent Gatorade Idaho Volleyball Players of the Year Maya Taylor (2015-16, Idaho Falls High School), Kayla Ellis (2014-15 & 2013-14, Century High School), Sadie Stutzman (2012-13, Fruitland High School), Jenna Ellis (2011-12, Century High School), Megan Sorenson (2010-11, Rocky Mountain High School), Morgan Odale (2009-10 & 2008-09, Eagle High School) and Brittany Hewitt (2007-08, Eagle High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Nay 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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