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**BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 Logan Eggleston of Brentwood High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year. Eggleston is the fourth Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood 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 Eggleston as Tennessee'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, Eggleston 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 6-foot-2 sophomore outside hitter led the Bruins to a 50-4 record and the Class AAA state championship this past season. Eggleston recorded 406 kills, 184 digs, 52 blocks and 44 service aces. A member of the U.S. Girls Youth National Team, she was an All-Conference and All-District honoree and was named MVP of the state championship match.

Eggleston has volunteered locally on behalf of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a nursing home and youth volleyball programs. "Logan Eggleston is just an amazing player," said Wendy Munzel, head coach at Ravenwood High. "She brings so much heat to the ball, and she plays all six rotations. She's explosive, and she's pretty much unstoppable."

Eggleston has maintained a 4.42 GPA in the classroom. She 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 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.

Eggleston joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Players of the Year Lauren Dorrell (2015-16, Father Ryan High School), Gabby Gray (2014-15, Baylor School), Hunter Thompson (2013-14, Brentwood High School), Kathryn Hutson (2012-13, Ravenwood High School), Alyssa Ivey (2011-12, Ravenwood High School), Madelyn Hutson (2010-11, Ravenwood High School), Megan Devine (2009-10, Dobyns-Bennett High School), Nicole Smith (2008-09, Page High School) and Hannah Shadrick (2007-08, Girls Preparatory School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Eggleston 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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