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**ALISO NIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® CALIFORNIA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 8, 2015) — 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 Kathryn Plummer of Aliso Niguel High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade California Volleyball Player of the Year. Plummer is the first Gatorade California Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Aliso Niguel 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 Plummer as California's best high school volleyball player. Plummer joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 6-foot-6 senior setter and right-side hitter slammed 368 kills while recording a .591 kill percentage and .427 hitting percentage this past season, leading the Wolverines (23-7) to the Division 1A Southern Section quarterfinals. An Under Armour First Team All-American, Plummer amassed 368 assists, 226 digs, 60 blocks and 33 service aces in 30 matches. A member of the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team and USA Volleyball's Beach U19 National Team, she is the only player in history to capture medals in both the indoor and beach disciplines at the FIVB World Championships, earning Best Opposite honors during a silver-medal run to the 2015 FIVB U18 World Championships and the Most Outstanding Player award following a gold-medal campaign at the 2014 FIVB U17 Beach World Championships.

Also a track standout, Plummer has maintained a 4.29 weighted GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating her time as a peer tutor and youth volleyball instructor, she has volunteered on behalf of the Special Olympics, Stand Up To Cancer and the Walk to Remember.

"She's the smartest player on the floor, the tallest, and is a veritable wall," said Doug Mauro, head coach at rival Laguna Hills. "She's 6-foot-6 with great skills, touch and finesse. Kathryn is very sweet to her opponents as well. Many of my girls were proud to take photos with her after the matches. Kathryn puts in so much work and effort, is very courteous and shows fantastic sportsmanship."

Plummer has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Stanford University in the fall of 2016.

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.

Plummer joins recent Gatorade California Volleyball Players of the Year Yaasmeen Bedart-Ghani (2014-15, Redondo Union High School), Taylor Nelson (2013-14, Granite Bay High School), Skylar Dykstra (2012-13, Redondo Union High School), Emily Sklar (2011-12, Presentation High School), Krista Vasant (2010-11, Redlands East Valley High School), Rachel Williams (2009-10, Archbishop Mitty High School), Lauren Corp (2008-09, Orange Lutheran High School) and Tarah Murrey (2007-08, Saint Mary's High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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