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**MERCER COUNTY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE® KENTUCKY GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 19, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Seygan Robins of Mercer County Senior High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Robins is the first Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mercer County Senior 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 Robins as Kentucky's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award announced in March, Robins joins an elite alumni association of past state girls basketball award-winners, including Maya Moore (2005-06 Collins Hill HS, Ga.), Rashanda McCants (2004-05, Asheville HS, N.C.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Diana Taurasi (1998-99 & 1999-00, Don Antonio Lugo HS, Calif.), Shyra Ely (1999-00, Ben Davis HS, Ind.) and Lisa Leslie (1988-89, Morningside HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-9 senior guard led the Titans to a 36-3 record and second straight state championship this past season. Averaging 14.6 points, 4.3 assists, 2.9 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game, Robins scored eight points and dished out seven assists in a 74-34 win over Mercy High in the state final. A two-time State Tournament MVP, Robins has twice been named a Louisville Courier-Journal All-State selection. She concluded her prep basketball career with 2,677 points.

Robins has volunteered locally at a nursing home and for the Salvation Army. She has also donated her time as a peer tutor to students with learning challenges and as a youth basketball coach. "I have watched Seygan mature into a well-rounded player that understands the game better and leads her team each and every night," said Larry Just, head coach of Butler High. "She understands that some nights and some possessions she needs to be the one to take over and make plays. She has also learned how to keep her teammates involved."

Robins has maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Louisville beginning 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.

Robins joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jaelynn Penn (2016-17, Butler Traditional High School), Erin Boley (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Elizabethtown High School), Makayla Epps (2012-13, Marion County High School), Sydney Moss (2011-12, Boone County High School), Sara Hammond (2010-11, Rockcastle County High School), Sarah Beth Barnette (2009-10, Lexington Christian Academy), A'dia Mathies (2008-09, Iroquois High School), Tia Gibbs (2007-08, Butler Traditional High School), and Rebecca Gray (2006-07, Scott County High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Seygan 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 <http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com/>.

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