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**BELLWOOD-ANTIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE® PENNSYLVANIA 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 Alli Campbell of Bellwood-Antis High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Campbell is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bellwood-Antis 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 Campbell as Pennsylvania'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, Campbell 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 6-foot sophomore guard had led the Blue Devils to a 24-3 record and a berth in the second round of the Class 2A state tournament at the time of her selection. Campbell averaged 26.0 points, 8.4 rebounds, 5.3 assists, 4.3 steals and 1.7 blocks through 27 games. She was named to the All-State Second Team and the Altoona Mirror All-Region Team as a freshman.

Vice President of her class, Campbell has volunteered locally on behalf of the Salvation Army, the Key Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and youth basketball programs. "Campbell is pretty amazing," said Rachelle Hopsicker, head coach at Juniata Valley High. "She's over six feet, she can handle the ball, she can post up, she can shoot—she's very versatile. She's just relentless and she always puts herself into the right position."

Campbell has maintained an A average 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.

Campbell joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Basketball Players of the Year Sam Breen (2016-17, Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School), Kelly Jekot (2015-16 & 2014-15, Cumberland Valley High School), Erin Mathias (2013-14, Fox Chapel Area High School), Shatori Walker-Kimbrough (2012-13, Hopewell High School), Sierra Moore (2011-12, Delone Catholic High School), Madison Cable (2010-11, Mt. Lebanon High School), Kayla McBride (2009-10, Villa Maria Academy), Stephanie Holzer (2008-09, Cardinal O'Hara High School), Markel Walker (2007-08, Schenley High School), and Jence Rhoads (2006-07, Slippery Rock Area High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Alli 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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