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**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE® CONNECTICUT BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE  
YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (March 15, 2019) — In its 34<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Tre Mitchell of The Woodstock Academy** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Mitchell is the first Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from The Woodstock Academy.

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 Mitchell as Connecticut's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Mitchell joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln High School, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood High School, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington High School, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Calif.).

The 6-foot-9, 235-pound senior center led the Centaurs to a 39-2 record and the quarterfinals of the National Prep Championship this past season. Mitchell averaged 16.6 points, 13.5 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.6 blocks per game. A two-time Power 5 Conference AAA Player of the Year, he has twice been named Hoophall Classic MVP and is ranked as the nation's No.72 recruit in the Class of 2019 by Rivals.com.

Mitchell has volunteered locally on behalf of the YMCA and climate change awareness initiatives. "Tre Mitchell is an excellent basketball player," said Tristan Wilchcombe, head coach at Redemption Christian Academy. "He's got soft hands and a good touch, and he can play an old-school game, with his back to the basket. He's very consistent on the court and he's a very smart kid."

Mitchell has maintained an A average in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Mitchell joins Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jaiden Delaire (2017-18, Loomis Chaffee School), Tremont Waters (2016-17, Notre Dame High School), Matthew Moyer (2015-16, South Kent School), and Steven Enoch (2014-15, St. Thomas More School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Mitchell also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [www.Gatorade.com/POY](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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