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MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® ILLINOIS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 15, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Adam Miller of Morgan Park High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Illinois Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Miller is the second Gatorade Illinois Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Morgan Park 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 Miller as Illinois' 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, Miller 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-4, 175-pound junior shooting guard averaged 26.7 points, 7.3 rebounds, 5.4 assists and 2.9 steals per game this past season, leading the Mustangs (30-5) to the Class 3A St. Laurence Sectional championship game. A 2018 Associated Press Class 3A All-State Honorable Mention selection, Miller is ranked as the No. 18 recruit in the Class of 2020 by ESPN. He concluded his junior year with 1,360 points in his prep basketball career.

Miller has volunteered locally with a Thanksgiving turkey giveaway program and as a youth basketball coach. "Adam can do anything on the court and is willing to accept the criticism that comes with trying to do everything on the court," said Donte Maddox, head coach of Bloom High School. "He's a special talent."

Miller has maintained a weighted 3.68 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior 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.

Miller joins Gatorade Illinois Boys Basketball Players of the Year E.J. Liddell (2017-18, Belleville West High School), Mark Smith (2016-17, Edwardsville High School), Charlie Moore (2015-16, Morgan Park High School), and Jalen Brunson (2014-15, Stevenson High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Miller 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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