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CLARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® NEVADA 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 **Jalen Hill of Clark High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Hill is the third Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clark 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 Hill as Nevada'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, Hill 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-7, 220-pound senior guard and forward led the Chargers to a 25-6 record and the Class 4A state final this past season. Hill averaged 17.5 points, 5.3 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game, while shooting 56.5 percent from the field. The Southwest League Most Valuable Player, he is a First Team All-State selection and a three-time First Team All-League performer.

Hill has served as a youth basketball coach and has volunteered locally providing support for children with cancer. "Jalen Hill might be the best on-ball defender I've ever seen," said Paul DeSantis, head coach at Foothill High. "He's also an excellent passer, he can finish with both hands and he's a high-percentage 3-point shooter. He's got an elite-level, old school post-up game that you can't stop and his IQ is off the charts. He's the real deal."

Hill has maintained a 3.63 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Oklahoma 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.

Hill joins Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jamal Bey (2017-18, Bishop Gorman High School), Troy Brown (2016-17, Centennial High School), Zach Collins (2015-16, Bishop Gorman High School), and Chase Jeter (2014-15, Bishop Gorman High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Hill 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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