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**DANVILLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® INDIANA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 18, 2010) — In its 25<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Travis Carroll of Danville Community High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Carroll is the first Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Danville Community 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 court, distinguishes Carroll as Indiana'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, Carroll joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Chris Paul (2002-03, West Forsyth HS, N.C.), Kevin Garnett (1992-93, Maudlin HS, S.C.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.), Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.) and Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas).

The 6-foot-10 senior center and power forward has led the Warriors (25-1) to the Class 3A semifinals, which begin March 20. A 2009 *Indianapolis Star* Super Team selection and a 2010 First Team All-Conference honoree, Carroll is averaging 19.7 points, 12 rebounds and 1.6 blocks per game entering the state final four. He led Danville to the program's second Class 3A regional championship in school history, scoring 15 points and pulling down 17 rebounds in a win over Mt. Vernon High.

Carroll has maintained a 3.24 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered on behalf of the Business Professionals of America, as a peer mentor to incoming students at his school and as a summer youth basketball camp counselor.

"Travis Carroll is truly the ultimate teammate," said Danville High Head Coach Brian Barber. "He makes all the players around him better, but when he sees the opportunity to score, he does it. He plays really well around the basket but he can also step out and play the perimeter well too. He's a great teammate on and off the floor."

Carroll has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Purdue University 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 ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, 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.

Carroll joins recent Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jordan Hulls (2008-09, Bloomington South), Tyler Zeller (2007-08, Washington), and Eric Gordon (2006-07, North Central) among the state's list of former award winners.

To celebrate the award's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Gatorade wants you to vote for the All-Time Greatest Players of the Year at [gatorade.com/POY25](http://gatorade.com/POY25). To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. 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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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