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**CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MISSOURI BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 18, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Bradley Beal of Chaminade College Preparatory School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Missouri Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Beal is the second Gatorade Missouri Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Chaminade College Preparatory 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 Beal as Missouri'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, Beal 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-3, 180-pound junior guard led the Flyers (21-6) to the Class 5 district championship this past season, averaging 29 points, 5.3 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game. Currently ranked as the nation's No. 15 recruit in the Class of 2011 by ESPNU, Beal was named the ESPN RISE Southwest Player of the Week for Jan. 25 when he scored 44 points in a 68-61 win over St. John Vianney.

Beal has maintained a 91.4 average in the classroom. An active member of his church community, he has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter and as a part of his school's diversity program.

"Bradley Beal is natural shooter," said Chaminade Head Coach Kelvin Lee. "He has great all-around game and he keeps getting better but I don't know that I've ever seen someone who can shoot the ball the way he can. He's the real deal."

Beal has verbally committed to play basketball on scholarship at The University of Florida beginning in the fall of 2011.

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.

Beal joins recent Gatorade Missouri Boys Basketball Players of the Year Alec Burks (2008-09, Grandview), Kramer Soderberg (2007-08, Saint Charles West), and Conner Teahan (2006-07, Rockhurst) among the state's list of former award winners.

To celebrate the award's 25th anniversary, Gatorade wants you to vote for the All-Time Greatest Players of the Year at 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.

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