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**ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® RHODE ISLAND 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 Michael Carter-Williams of St. Andrew's School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Carter-Williams is the fourth Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Andrew's 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 Carter-Williams as Rhode Island'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, Carter-Williams 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-5, 175-pound junior guard led the Saints (25-10) to the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class B semifinals this past season, averaging 18.2 points, 7.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game, despite missing 10 games early in the season with a broken hip. Carter-Williams was MVP of the 2010 National Prep School Invitational as well as a NEPSAC First Team All-Class B selection this winter. He is rated the No. 14 junior in the country by Prepstars.com.

Carter-Williams has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally assisting the elderly in his hometown of Hamilton, Mass., and as a youth football, basketball and soccer coach.

"Michael has a knack for scoring the ball," said Chris Driscoll, an assistant coach with Carter-Williams' Amateur Athletics Union club team, BABC. "He has a great feel for the game and he's competitive. I think his explosiveness and his strength will determine how well he does in college because everything else is there."

Carter-Williams has verbally committed to play basketball on scholarship at Syracuse University 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.

Carter-Williams joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jay Jeannotte (2008-09, Narragansett), Ashton Watkins (2007-08, Classical), and Rakim Sanders (2006-07, St. Andrew's) 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).