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**ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® CALIFORNIA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 11, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Chelsea Gray of St. Mary's High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade California Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Gray is the first Gatorade California Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Mary's 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 Gray as California's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award announced in March, Gray joins an elite alumni association of past state girls basketball award-winners, including Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Diana Taurasi (1998-99 & 1999-00, Don Antonio Lugo HS, Calif.), Maya Moore (2005-06 Collins Hill HS, Ga.), Rashanda McCants (2004-05, Asheville HS, N.C.), Shyra Ely (1999-00, Ben Davis HS, Ind.) and Lisa Leslie (1988-89, Morningside HS, Calif.)

The 5-foot-11 senior guard has led the Rams (30-1) to the No. 1 ranking in the nation entering the second round of the Division III state tournament, scheduled for March 11. A finalist for both the Naismith High School Player of the Year and the Morgan Wootten Player of the Year awards, Gray boasted averages of 16.1 points, 6.3 assists, 5.3 steals and 4.1 rebounds per game at the time of her selection. She is a two-time Stockton Record Player of the year and has been selected to play in both the McDonald's High School All-American Game and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America Game this spring.

Gray has maintained a 3.28 GPA in the classroom. An active member of her church community, she has volunteered on behalf of a local homeless shelter.

"Chelsea Gray has been phenomenal," said Jeff Sink, head coach of Brea Olinda High, which played against St. Mary's this season. "She's just a nightmare to guard—she's got unlimited range, she can go to the hole and if you double her, she'll beat you with her passing."

Gray has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Duke 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.

Gray joins recent Gatorade California Girls Basketball Players of the Year Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis (2008-09, Mater Dei), Jasmine Dixon (2007-08, Long Beach Poly), and Jeanette Pohlen (2006-07, Brea Olinda) 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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