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**LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® COLORADO 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 Quincey Noonan of Legacy High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Colorado Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Noonan is the second Gatorade Colorado Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Legacy 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 Noonan as Colorado'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, Noonan 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.)

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-10 senior guard had led the Lightning (24-1) to this week's Class 4A state tournament semifinals. Entering Wednesday's final four game, she owned averages of 10.7 points, 5.1 assists and 3.4 rebounds per game. A 2010 McDonald's All-American Game selection committee nominee, Noonan set a school record when she dished out 15 assists in Legacy's final regular-season game, a 58-30 win over Doherty High. Noonan is a four-time First Team All-Conference selection and a 2009 First Team All-State selection.

Noonan has maintained a 3.95 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a camp leader on behalf of an area orphanage and as a peer tutor.

"Quincey is one of the most coachable players I have been in contact with at any level," said Legacy High Head Coach Jamie Carey. "She has tremendous skill but she also has an attitude that makes coaching her even more special. She impacts her teammates in a positive way and makes them better just with her presence."

Noonan has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Denver 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.

Noonan joins recent Gatorade Colorado Girls Basketball Players of the Year Anna Prins (2008-09, Broomfield), Alyssa Fressle (2007-08, Highlands Ranch), and Melissa Jones (2006-07, Legacy) 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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