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**FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® ILLINOIS 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 Tricia Liston of Fenwick High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Illinois Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

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 Liston as Illinois' best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award announced in March, Liston 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 state's returning Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year, Liston led the Friars (27-3) to the Class 4A state tournament semifinals this past season, averaging 28.8 points, 6.4 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 2.3 steals per game. Also the Player of the Year as named by the *Chicago Sun Times*, the 6-foot-1 senior guard/forward scored a Class 4A state tournament record 40 points in a 55-51 victory against Hersey in the third-place consolation game. A Women's Basketball Coaches Association High School 2010 All-America Game Honorable Mention selection, she shot 55.6 percent from the field and 87.4 percent from the free-throw line in 2009-10. Liston was a freshman on the 2006-07 Fenwick High Class AA state championship team.

Liston has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. She has served as an instructor at numerous youth basketball clinics in addition to donating her time working with special needs children on behalf of the West Suburban Special Recreation Association in Franklin Park.

"Tricia has become a real leader on and off the floor," said Fenwick Head Coach David Power. "This team has totally taken on her personality. She accomplished that both verbally and by example. She has brought her game to a whole new level compared to where she was last year. She loves to play the game. When she goes on an offensive attack, she looks effortless."

Liston 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.

Liston joins recent Gatorade Illinois Girls Basketball Players of the Year Sarah Boothe (2007-08, Warren Township) and Brittany Johnson (2006-07, East Richland) 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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