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**SALEM HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® OHIO GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 11, 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 Amy Scullion of Salem High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Scullion is the first Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Salem 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 Scullion as Ohio'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, Scullion 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 6-foot senior guard and forward led the Quakers (18-6) to the Division II district final this past season, averaging 18.5 points, 9.8 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game. A three-time First Team All-Conference selection and a 2010 McDonald's All-American selection committee nominee, Scullion scored a game-high 31 points and pulled down 16 rebounds in a 65-23 win over Niles High in the opening round of the Division II district tournament. She was the 2009 Youngstown Vindicator Athlete of the Year and is ranked No. 44 nationally by ESPN Hoopgurlz.

Scullion has maintained a 4.0 GPA and is ranked first in her class. A devoted parishioner of her church, she has volunteered locally as a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and as a peer tutor at her school.

"Scullion is so strong and she just plays the game so smooth," said rival Howland High Head Coach John Diehl. "She's the first one to shake your hand after she beats you and when you knock her down she's the first to say that's OK. She's one of the nicest kids I've ever coached against and she can do it all."

Scullion has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the Ohio State 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.

Scullion joins recent Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Players of the Year Mikaela Ruef (2008-09, Beavercreek), Shay Selby (2007-08, Regina), and Jantel Lavender (2006-07, Cleveland Central Catholic) 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).

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