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**LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEVADA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 10, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Amanda Delgado of Liberty High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Delgado is the first Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Liberty 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 Delgado as Nevada'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, Delgado 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-8 senior shooting guard averaged 16.1 points, 3.8 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game this past season while shooting 81 percent from the free throw line and leading the Patriots (27-3) to the Class 4A state final. The 2011 Southeast Division MVP, Delgado scored 16 points, including 14 in the second half, in a 58-53 win over Bishop Gorman in the Class 4A semifinals.

Delgado has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's newspaper staff, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the National Honor Society and as a peer leader.

"Amanda Delgado is a tremendous player and a true leader," said Liberty High Head Coach Quintin Lester. "She really carried us when we needed her to this season."

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

Delgado joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Players of the Year Alexis Byrd (2009-10, Centennial), Mia Bell (2008-09, Durango), and Ashley Gayle (2007-08, Bishop Gorman) among the state's list of former award winners.

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