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**PRINCESS ANNE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® VIRGINIA 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 Elizabeth Williams of Princess Anne High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Virginia Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Williams is the first Gatorade Virginia Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Princess Anne 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 Williams as Virginia'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, Williams 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-3 senior center led the Cavaliers to a 29-1 record entering the Group AAA state semifinals against Forest Park High, scheduled for March 9. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year, Williams was averaging 18.9 points, 11.2 rebounds, 5.1 blocks, 3.3 steals and 2.1 assists per game at the time of her selection despite missing nine games early in the season with a knee injury. A 2010 Parade All-American and a member of the 2010 USA Basketball Women's U17 World Championship Team, Williams is a three-time Eastern Region Player of the Year. Entering the state tournament final four, she had recorded 1,590 points, 1,172 rebounds and 645 blocks in her prep basketball career.

Williams has maintained a 3.92 weighted GPA in the classroom. An accomplished trombone player, she has volunteered locally at the Ronald McDonald House and on behalf of a local children's carnival.

"Elizabeth Williams' offensive game has matured," said Boo Williams, the teen's AAU coach. "Defensively she's amazing. Nobody can contain the lane like she does. There are not many players who can control the game defensively. She can get only 10 points, but completely control the game with rebounds and defense. That separates her from a lot of players in the country."

Williams 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.

Two-time winner Williams joins fellow two-time Gatorade Virginia Girls Basketball Player of the Year Tierra Ruffin-Pratt (2007-08 & 2008-09, T.C. Williams) among the state's list of former award winners.

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