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**GONZAGA COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 17, 2011) — In its 26<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Nate Britt of Gonzaga College High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Britt is the fifth Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Gonzaga College 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 Britt as District of Columbia's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Britt joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.), Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.) and Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas).

The 6-foot-2, 165-pound sophomore point guard averaged 13.5 points, 5.2 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 3.7 steals per game this past season, leading the Eagles (24-7) to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship game. Britt scored 16 points in a 51-48, conference title-game loss to DeMatha Catholic (Md.) High. A 2011 First Team All-WCAC selection and a returning Honorable Mention pick, he shot 80.9 percent from the free-throw line and committed just 1.2 turnovers per contest this past winter.

Britt has maintained a B average in the classroom. In addition to donating his time as a youth basketball instructor, he has volunteered on behalf of a local homeless shelter.

"Nate Britt had a great season," said Damon Handon, head coach of the D.C. Assault Amateur Athletic Union program's 17U team. "He led his team within three points of the WCAC championship. He makes everyone around him better. He can also score. He's a vocal leader, and he's very, very confident."

Britt will begin his junior year of high school 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.

Britt joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Boys Basketball Players of the Year Tyler Thornton (2009-10, Gonzaga College), Ian Hummer (2008-09, Gonzaga College), and Max Kenyi (2007-08, Gonzaga College), among the state's list of former award winners.

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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