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**BOB JONES HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® ALABAMA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 8, 2012) — In its 27<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Jasmine Jones of Bob Jones High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Alabama Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Jones is the second Gatorade Alabama Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bob Jones 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 Jones as Alabama'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, Jones joins an elite alumni association of past state girls basketball award-winners, including Candace Parker (2003-04, 2002-03, & 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-2 senior guard and forward averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots per game while shooting 57 percent from the floor this past season, leading the Patriots (36-3) to the Class 6A state final. A 2012 Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America Game selection, Jones is ranked as the nation's No. 39 by the Hoopgurlz ESPNU 100.

Jones has maintained a 3.07 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach.

"Jasmine Jones is the best player in Alabama," said John Cain, head coach at Northridge High. "She's the reason we were knocked out of the state playoffs. In our game she collected about 20 rebounds and we typically do a pretty good job on the boards. She is extremely versatile, she's able to handle the ball and defend on the perimeter."

Jones has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Tennessee 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 ESPNHS 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.

Jones joins recent Gatorade Alabama Girls Basketball Players of the Year Hayden Hamby (2010-11, West Morgan High School), Kaneisha Horn (2009-10, Ramsay), Adrienne Webb (2008-09, Sparkman), Courtney Jones (2007-08, Midfield), Alli Smalley (2006 - 07, Arab), DeWanna Bonner (2003-04, Fairfield High School Preparatory School), and Sidney Spencer (2002-03, Hoover) among the state's list of former award winners.

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