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**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® MARYLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 14, 2013) — In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Amanda Fioravanti of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Maryland Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Fioravanti is the second Gatorade Maryland Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Our Lady of Good Counsel 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 Fioravanti as Maryland'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, Fioravanti 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-1 senior forward averaged 19.1 points, 8.2 rebounds, 1.6 blocks, 1.5 steals and 1.3 assists per game this past season, leading the Falcons (27-6) to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Tournament championship game. A 2012 Washington Post First Team All-Met selection and a two-time First Team All-WCAC honoree, Fioravanti played the second half of the season with an injury to her shooting hand. She concluded her prep basketball career with 1,861 points and 964 rebounds.

Fioravanti has maintained a 3.76 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally helping children with disabilities through the 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program and Best Buddies International.

"Amanda does a lot of things really well," said Ted Oberg, head coach at St. John The Baptist (N.Y.). "She has great interior moves, runs the floor, boards and defends. She only has one speed—all out."

Fioravanti has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Virginia beginning 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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Fioravanti joins recent Gatorade Maryland Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jonquel Jones (2011-12, Riverdale Baptist School), Taylor Brown (2010-11, Bishop McNamara High School), Kelsey Wolfe (2009-10, Seneca Valley), Tianna Hawkins (2008-09, Riverdale Baptist School), Tarik Hislop (2007-08, Paint Branch), and Marah Strickland (2006-07, Towson Catholic) 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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