

Contact: Matt Schiffman (312-729-3672)

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

CHICAGO (March 14, 2013) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Sarita Jo Condie of Pershing County High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Condie is the first Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Pershing County 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 Condie 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, Condie 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-7 senior shooting guard led the Mustangs to a 31-2 record and the Division III state title this past season. Condie averaged 20.9 points, 7.8 rebounds, six assists and five steals per game while shooting at 61 percent from inside the arc. The 2013 Division III Player of the Year, she scored 29 points in the state title-clinching win over Lincoln High and set a classification record with eight three-pointers in the state tournament.

Condie has maintained a 4.23 GPA in the classroom. A devoted parishioner in her church community, she is a member of the National Honor Society and has performed as part of numerous school musicals and plays. She has also volunteered locally on behalf of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

"Sarita Jo Condie can battle with the best," said Sara Schopper, head coach at Reed High. "What sets her apart is how polite and hardworking she is. She has such a great heart, she inspires her teammates and makes coaching easy."

Condie will attend United States Naval Academy, where she will play basketball 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.

Condie joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jada Brown (2011-12, Centennial High School), Amanda Delgado (2010-11, Liberty High School), Alexis Byrd (2009-10, Centennial), Mia Bell (2008-09, Durango), Ashley Gayle (2007-08, Bishop Gorman), and Italee Lucas (2006-07, Centennial) 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.

###