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**TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OHIO 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 Bianca Quisenberry of Tecumseh High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Quisenberry is the first Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Tecumseh 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 Quisenberry as Ohio'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, Quisenberry 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-8 senior point guard averaged 29.2 points, 10.9 rebounds, 8.8 steals and 5.9 assists per game this past season, leading the Arrows (23-2) to the Division I sectional final. A 2012 First Team All-State selection, Quisenberry became the first player in school history to surpass 2,000 points and her career total of 2,349 ranks 12th in state history.

Quisenberry has maintained a 3.27 GPA in the classroom. A devoted parishioner in her church community, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

"Bianca Quisenberry is the best player I have ever coached against," said Brian Hogan, head coach at Bellefontaine High. "Not only can she score at will, she also works as hard as anyone on defense. I respect her as a student-athlete more than any player I have ever coached against."

Quisenberry has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Cincinnati 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.

Quisenberry joins recent Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Players of the Year Malina Howard (2011-12, Twinsburg High School), Ally Malott (2010-11, Madison High School), Amy Scullion (2009-10, Salem), Mikaela Ruef (2008-09, Beaver Creek), Shay Selby (2007-08, Regina), and Jantel Lavender (2006-07, Cleveland Central Catholic) among the state's list of former award winners.

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