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**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® TENNESSEE 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 Nina Davis of Central High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Tennessee Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Davis is the first Gatorade Tennessee Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Central 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 Davis as Tennessee'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, Davis 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 wing averaged 28.3 points, 10.8 rebounds, 2.7 assists, 2.7 steals and 1.5 blocks per game this past season, leading the Warriors (26-6) to the Class AAA state semifinals. A Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America Game selection, Davis shot 56 percent from the field, 49 percent from 3-point range and 68 percent from the free throw line. The state's Class AAA Miss Basketball selection, she led Memphis Central to the 2011 Class AAA state championship as a sophomore in addition to helping her Tennessee Flight 16U club squad to the 2012 Nike Nationals title this past summer.

Davis has maintained a 3.39 weighted GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating her time as a peer tutor, youth basketball instructor and church youth camp counselor, she has volunteered on behalf of the Art for Life Foundation, Beat the Odds and the Let's Move South Memphis 5K.

"Nina is a player who does not mind giving her all for her team," said Wanda Hunt, head coach of rival Memphis East High. "I have watched her since ninth grade develop into a great leader with a great attitude and a love for the game of basketball. She has the ability to play the 2, 3, and 4 positions, which makes it hard for other teams to defend her."

Davis has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Baylor University 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.

Davis joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Girls Basketball Players of the Year Bashaara Graves (2011-12, Clarksville High School), Shacobia Barbee (2010-11, Riverdale High School), Taylor Hall (2009-10, Morristown-Hamblen West), Faith Dupree (2008-09, Webb School of Knoxville), and Glory Johnson (2007-08 & 2006-07, Webb School of Knoxville) 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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