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**DIVINE SAVIOR HOLY ANGELS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WISCONSIN 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 Arike Ogunbowale of Divine Savior Holy Angels High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Ogunbowale is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Divine Savior Holy Angels 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 Ogunbowale as Wisconsin'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, Ogunbowale 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-9 sophomore wing averaged 20.4 points, 9.6 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.1 steals per game this past season, leading the Dashers (21-4) to the Division 1 sectional semifinals. A returning Division 1 First Team All-State selection as named by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association, Ogunbowale shot 53 percent from the field, 33 percent from 3-point range and 65 percent from the free throw line.

Ogunbowale has maintained a 3.49 GPA in the classroom and has served in student government. A member of her school's Sister of Culture Club, she has volunteered locally at a nursing home, as a Sunday School teacher and on behalf of her church.

"She impacts the game in every conceivable area: scoring, passing, rebounding and defense," said Dan Wandrey, head coach of rival Brookfield Central High. "Her ball-handling ability makes her team essentially un-press-able. In the half-court, she can score off the dribble, in the post, shoot the jumper and create for her teammates. As a point guard, she was one of the best rebounders in our conference."

Ogunbowale will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Ogunbowale joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Players of the Year Nicole Bauman (2011-12, Eisenhower High School), Samantha Logic (2010-11, Case High School), Nicole Griffin (2009-10 & 2008-09, Milwaukee Vincent), Rachael Hencke (2007-08, Grafton), and Lin Zastrow (2006-07, Jefferson) among the state's list of former award winners.

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