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**SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® MONTANA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 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 Daine Muller of Skyview High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Muller is the first Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Skyview 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 Muller as Montana's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Muller joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.), Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.) and Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas).

The 6-foot-4, 195-pound senior shooting guard averaged 22.1 points, 6.6 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.7 steals this past season, leading the Falcons (20-4) to the Class AA state semifinals. A two-time Class AA First Team All-State selection, Muller shot 42 percent from the field, 39 percent from 3-point range and 78 percent from the free throw line. He averaged 23.0 points in four Class AA state tournament games, including a career-high 38 points in a 62-52, third-place consolation victory against Glacier.

Muller has maintained a 3.37 GPA in the classroom and is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to donating his time locally as a youth basketball instructor, he has volunteered as part of a youth literacy-outreach initiative, a carnival event for elementary school children and a food drive to benefit the needy.

"He is the best player in the state, he works hard, and he is coach-able," said Wes Holmquist, head coach of rival Bozeman High. "He is not only great offensively, but he is a presence on the defensive end. He has the ability to completely take over the game in a variety of ways. He draws so much attention, and he is a smart player who is very unselfish and makes his teammates better."

Muller remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Muller joins recent Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Danny Robison (2011-12, Billings West High School), Tanner Roderick (2010-11, Bozeman High School), Josh Huestis (2009-10 & 2008-09, C.M. Russell), Andy Garland (2007-08, Sentinel High School), and Derek Selvig (2006 - 07, Dawson County) 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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