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**LAKE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OREGON BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 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 Calvin Hermanson of Lake Oswego High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Hermanson is the second Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Lake Oswego 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 Hermanson as Oregon'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, Hermanson 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-6, 215-pound senior wing averaged 21.2 points, 4.4 rebounds, 1.8 steals, 1.2 assists and 1.0 blocks this season, leading the Lakers (28-1) to the Class 6A state semifinals. The state's returning Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year, Hermanson's 52 points on 20-of-27 shooting against Washington's Mark Morris High in December broke 2006-07 Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year Kevin Love's single-game school record of 50. Also the two-time Three Rivers League Player of the Year, Hermanson averaged 23.0 points, 7.4 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.0 steals as a junior, leading Lake Oswego to the 2012 Class 6A state championship game.

Hermanson has maintained a 3.48 GPA in the classroom and serves as senior class president. In addition to donating his time as a youth basketball instructor, he has also competed in the state's DECA marketing competition for emerging leaders and entrepreneurs.

"No doubt Calvin is the best player in the state, but he may be the player I admire the most of any kid we've gone against for his attitude and character," said Eric Viuhkola, head coach of rival West Linn High. "The way he conducts himself with refs, opponents and his teammates is all first class. He's 6-foot-6, he can rise up over any player in the state and knock down 3's, and he's quick and skilled enough to take you off the dribble and dunk on you."

Hermanson has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at St. Mary's College 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.

Two time winner Hermanson joins Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Players of the Year Kyle Wiltjer (2010-11, Jesuit High School), Garrett Jackson (2009-10, Westview), E. J. Singler (2008-09, South Medford High School), Brad Tinsley (2007-08, Oregon City High School), and Kevin Love (2006 - 07, Lake Oswego) among the state's list of former award winners.

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