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**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® TEXAS 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 Justise Winslow of St. John's School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Winslow is the first Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. John's 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 Winslow as Texas'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, Winslow 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, 212-pound junior forward averaged 28.6 points, 15.7 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 2.7 steals and 1.5 blocks per game this past season, leading the Mavericks (26-9) to the Southwest Prep Conference Tournament championship game. Rated the No. 6 recruit in the Class of 2014 by Rivals.com, Winslow was a member of the United States team that won the gold medal at the 2012 FIBA Under-17 World Championships. He scored 1,000 points this season and concluded his junior year with 2,324 points and 1,275 rebounds in his prep basketball career.

Winslow has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom as a junior. He has volunteered locally as part of a neighborhood beautification project and a literacy-outreach program.

"Justise was the best player in the state of Texas this season," said Wayne Jones, head coach of the Episcopal School of Houston. "Justise led his team in every statistical category, but more importantly he trusted his teammates and made them better, like great players do. He is the closest player to LeBron James I've seen on the high school level."

Winslow will begin his senior 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.

Winslow joins recent Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Players of the Year Marcus Smart (2011-12 & 2010-11, Marcus High School), Joseph Young (2009-10, Yates), Tommy Mason-Griffin (2008-09, Madison High School), Willie Warren (2007-08, North Crowley High School), and Gary Johnson (2006 - 07, Aldine) among the state's list of former award winners.

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