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**REGIS JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® COLORADO GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 13, 2014) — In its 29<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 Justine Hall of Regis Jesuit High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Colorado Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Hall is the second Gatorade Colorado Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Regis Jesuit 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 Hall as Colorado'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, Hall 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-10 senior guard led the Raiders to a 24-2 record entering the Class 5A semifinals, scheduled for March 13. Hall averaged 15.9 points, 3.2 steals, 2.9 rebounds and 2.6 assists while shooting 60.4 percent from inside the arc through 26 games. An Honorable Mention 2014 WBCA All-American, she was named to the All-Tournament team at the Nike Tournament of Champions in December, averaging 16 points in four games.

Hall has maintained a 3.95 GPA in the classroom. A member her school's Esprit de Corp peer-leadership group, she is a recipient of the regional Touching Hearts Through Athletics award, which recognizes student athletes for their outstanding character. She has also donated her time on behalf of her church youth group.

"Justine Hall is a tough competitor who has improved steadily since her freshman year," said Tony Speights, head coach at Chaparral High. "She has transformed herself into a complete basketball player who can both shoot and defend. Most importantly she is a good teammate and a great person off the floor."

Hall has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Purdue 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.

Hall joins recent Gatorade Colorado Girls Basketball Players of the Year Diani Akigbogun (2012-13, Regis Jesuit High School), Michaela Neuhaus (2011-12, Highlands Ranch High School), Jamie Katuna (2010-11, Longmont High School), Quincey Noonan (2009-10, Legacy), Anna Prins (2008-09, Broomfield), Alyssa Fressle (2007-08, Highlands Ranch), and Melissa Jones (2006-07, Legacy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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