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GATORADE® FLORIDA 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 Beatrice Mompremier of Miami Senior High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Mompremier is the first Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Miami Senior 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 Mompremier as Florida'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, Mompremier 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 6-foot-4 junior forward and center led the Stingarees to a 31-1 record and the Class 8A state championship this past season. A returning Class 8A First Team All-State selection as named by the Florida Association of Basketball Coaches, Mompremier averaged 14.5 points, 15.5 rebounds, 3.9 assists, 3.7 blocks and 2.0 steals per game. She collected 13 points, 15 rebounds, three blocks and two steals in a 49-33, title-clinching win over Treasure Coast, capturing Class 8A state title game Most Valuable Player honors.

Mompremier has maintained a B average in the classroom. In addition to donating her time as a youth basketball instructor and scorekeeper, she has volunteered with her school's special education program and on behalf of Key Club International.

"She has displayed the qualities that this prestigious award has always stood for," said Ray Thompson, head coach of rival Dr. Krop High. "Every year, her skills have grown stronger. She's able to attack the basket, put the ball down on the floor and make a strong post move. She's just an outstanding player."

Mompremier will begin her 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.

Mompremier joins recent Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Players of the Year Ieshia Small (2012-13, Florida State University School), Alexis Prince (2011-12, Edgewater High School), Amber Henson (2010-11, Sickles High School), Dawnn Maye (2009-10, Dillard), Ashley Jones (2008-09, Lake Howell), Tiffany Hayes (2007-08, Winter Haven), and Krystal Thomas (2006-07, The First Academy) 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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