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**ELIZABETHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® KENTUCKY GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 13, 2014) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Erin Boley of Elizabethtown High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Boley is the second Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Elizabethtown 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 Boley as Kentucky'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, Boley 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-2 sophomore forward led the Lady Panthers to a 29-4 record entering the Sweet Sixteen State Tournament first round against Sacred Heart Academy, scheduled for March 13. At the time of her selection, Boley was averaging 20.4 points, 9.3 rebounds, 2.2 steals and 1.6 assists per game. The MVP of the 5th Region Tournament, she is a three-time All-Region honoree and is ranked as the nation's No. 11 recruit in the Class of 2016 by Blue Star Basketball.

Boley has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. The vice president of the Elizabethtown High School sophomore class, she is a member of her school's Spanish Club and Pep Club and has volunteered locally at an after-school program for children.

"What makes Erin so special is her versatility," said Tim Mudd, head coach of Elizabethtown High. "She can play a point guard or a center. Erin's ability to make the mid-range jumper separates her from most players."

Boley will begin her junior 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.

Boley joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Players of the Year Makayla Epps (2012-13, Marion County High School), Sydney Moss (2011-12, Boone County High School), Sara Hammond (2010-11, Rockcastle County High School), Sarah Beth Barnette (2009-10, Lexington Christian Academy), A'dia Mathies (2008-09, Iroquois), Tia Gibbs (2007-08, Butler Traditional), and Rebecca Gray (2006-07, Scott County) among the state's list of former award winners.

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