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**CATHERINE MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MAINE 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 Allie Clement of Catherine McAuley High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Clement is the third Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Catherine McAuley 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 Clement as Maine'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, Clement 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-8 senior guard led the Lions to a 21-1 record and their fourth straight Class A state title this past season. Clement averaged 18.2 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists. The 2014 Maine Miss Basketball award-winner, she scored 17 points to go with five assists and three steals in the title-clinching, 67-41 win over Oxford Hills.

Clement has maintained a 94.9 average in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Falmouth Food Pantry, as an elementary school library assistant and as a youth basketball coach.

"I really believe Allie Clement will go down as one of the top players Maine has ever seen," said Catherine McAuley High head coach William Goodwin. "Her ability to play offense and defense at such a high level while under pressure is what really sets her apart. Mentally and physically, she is a special kid."

Clement has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at New York's Marist 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 Clement joins Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Players of the Year Meghan Gribbin (2011-12, Windham High School), Niki Taylor (2010-11 & 2009-10, York High School), Morgan Frame (2008-09, Waterville), Rachael Mack (2007-08, Cony), and Ashley Cimino (2006-07, McAuley) among the state's list of former award winners.

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