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**C.H. FLOWERS HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MARYLAND 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 De'Janae Boykin of C.H. Flowers High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Maryland Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Boykin is the first Gatorade Maryland Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from C.H. Flowers 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 Boykin as Maryland'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, Boykin 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-3 junior forward averaged 21.1 points, 15.8 rebounds, 7.1 assists, 3.2 steals and 3.0 blocks per game this past season, leading the Jaguars (17-2) to the Class 4A South Region semifinals. Boykin recorded 17 double-doubles in 19 games, including four games with at least 20 points and 20 rebounds. A member of Team USA's gold medal squad at the 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championships for Women, she is ranked as the nation's No. 8 recruit in the Class of 2015 by ESPN.

Boykin has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally at the Glenarden-Ardmore-Springdale Boys & Girls Club and as an elementary school tutor. She also devotes much of her time to on-going support for her visually impaired younger brother.

"De'Janae Boykin is one of the best all-around players I've seen and coached against in the past 17 years," said Keith Devoe, head coach of DuVal High. "She is a very unselfish player looking to get all her teammates involved with the ability to take over a game at any time."

Boykin 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.

Boykin joins recent Gatorade Maryland Girls Basketball Players of the Year Amanda Fioravanti (2012-13, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School), Jonquel Jones (2011-12, Riverdale Baptist School), Taylor Brown (2010-11, Bishop McNamara High School), Kelsey Wolfe (2009-10, Seneca Valley), Tianna Hawkins (2008-09, Riverdale Baptist School), Tarik Hislop (2007-08, Paint Branch), and Marah Strickland (2006-07, Towson Catholic) among the state's list of former award winners.

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