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**PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA 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 Chelsea Dungee of Preston High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Dungee is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Preston 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 Dungee as Oklahoma'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, Dungee 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-11 sophomore guard and forward led the Lady Pirates to a 25-4 record and a berth in the Class 2A state tournament, scheduled to begin March 13. Dungee averaged 27.2 points, 10.1 rebounds, 5.3 assists and 5.1 steals while shooting 60 percent from inside the arc through 29 games. A member of the USA Basketball 2013 Women's U16 National Team, she scored a season-high 52 points to go with 12 rebounds in a win over Will Rogers College High in December.

Dungee has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the YMCA, her church youth group and as a youth basketball coach and camp counselor.

"Chelsea is an all-around great player, not just for scoring, but also for distributing the ball to her teammates," said Tanya Blades, head coach at Glenpool High. "She is a dominant factor for her team."

Dungee 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.

Dungee joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Basketball Players of the Year Lakota Beatty (2012-13, Anadarko High School), Courtney Walker (2011-12, Edmond Santa Fe High School), Ashley Clark (2010-11, Midwest City High School), Richa Jackson (2009-10, Midwest City), Kevi Luper (2008-09, Adair), Alyssia Brewer (2007-08, Sapulpa), and Angel Goodrich (2006-07, Sequoyah) among the state's list of former award winners.

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