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**WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OREGON 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 Jaime Nared of Westview High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Nared is the second Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Westview 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 Nared as Oregon'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, Nared 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-1 senior forward led the Wildcats to a 21-5 record and a berth in the Class 6A state quarterfinals against St. Mary's Academy, scheduled for March 12. At the time of her selection, Nared was averaging 29.3 points, 14.0 rebounds, 4.1 steals and 2.8 assists per game. Chosen to play in the 2014 McDonald's High School All-American Game, she is a three-time Metro League MVP, a two-time Class 6A First Team All-State honoree and is ranked as the nation's No. 5 recruit in the Class of 2014 by ESPN.

Nared has maintained a 3.21 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a tutor for special-needs students and as a youth basketball coach.

"Jaime Nared by far is the best player in the state," said Mike McNeal, head coach of Sunset High. "She can do it all. She can shoot the three-ball, run the court, make great passes, rebound and play some defense. She makes her teammates better and that's what you want from your best player."

Nared has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Tennessee 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.

Nared joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Players of the Year Mercedes Russell (2012-13 & 2011-12, Springfield High School), Jen Reese (2010-11 & 2009-10, Clackamas High School), Kate Lanz (2008-09 & 2007-08, Central Catholic), and Michelle Jenkins (2006-07, Southridge) among the state's list of former award winners.

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