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**MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® SOUTH DAKOTA 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 Macy Miller of Mitchell High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade South Dakota Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Miller is the fourth Gatorade South Dakota Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mitchell 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 Miller as South Dakota'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, Miller 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 senior point guard led the Kernels to a 19-1 record and a berth in the Class AA state tournament, scheduled to begin March 13. Miller averaged 30.3 points, 7.8 rebounds, 4.8 steals and 3.7 assists while shooting 92 percent from the free throw line through 20 games. A two-time First Team All-State selection, Miller broke the Class AA single-game record with a 49-point effort in a win over Spearfish in early February.

Miller has maintained a 3.59 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, she has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and on behalf of multiple charity walks and fundraisers to benefit cancer research.

"Macy Miller is one of the best players I have ever watched play high school girls basketball in the state of South Dakota," said Mark Stadem, head coach at Brandon Valley High. "If she had wanted, she could have scored at least 50 points each time she played us, but she is not that type of player. She is more concerned with winning and keeping her teammates involved."

Miller has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at South Dakota State University 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.

Miller joins recent Gatorade South Dakota Girls Basketball Players of the Year Kerri Young (2012-13, Mitchell High School), Heidi Hoff (2011-12, Brandon Valley High School), Alex Kneeland (2010-11, Summit High School), Shaunteva Ashley (2009-10, Roosevelt), Sam Ostarello (2008-09, Stanley County), Alexis Yackley (2007-08, Sully Buttes), and Jill Young (2006-07, Mitchell Christian) among the state's list of former award winners.

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