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**MANVEL HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® TEXAS 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 Brianna Turner of Manvel High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Turner is the first Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Manvel 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 Turner as Texas'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, Turner 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 senior wing led the Mavericks to a 38-2 record and the Class 5A state championship this past season. A McDonald's High School All-American Game selection and a WBCA All-American, Turner averaged 20.8 points, 11.5 rebounds, 4.2 assists, 3.9 blocks and 3.7 steals in just 23 minutes per game. She scored 17 points on only six field goal attempts to go along with 17 rebounds and three blocks in the 58-53, title-clinching victory against Duncanville, capturing Class 5A state championship game Most Valuable Player recognition in the process. She has captured two gold medals competing for Team USA en route to the 2013 FIBA U19 World Championship as well as the 2012 FIBA 3x3 U18 World Championship.

Turner has maintained a 3.71 GPA in the classroom. An active member of Manvel's Friends of Rachel Club, a chapter of the national Rachel's Challenge student-empowerment organization, she has volunteered on behalf of the Houston Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity and the RCS Sports back-to-school charity drive. Turner has also donated her time as a mentor to area junior high students.

"She is one of the most decorated Texas high school basketball players in history," said Manvel head coach Bryan Harris. "Her work ethic and dedication to the game is second to none. She dominates every position on the floor. She is a coach's dream, and she fills the stat sheet with all the categories. She is a gamer who does whatever it takes to win, and she will do whatever you ask of her."

Turner has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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.

Turner joins recent Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Players of the Year Ariel Atkins (2012-13, Duncanville High School), Alexis Jones (2011-12 & 2010-11, MacArthur High School), Chiney Ogwumike (2009-10, Cy-Fair), Brittney Griner (2008-09, Nimitz), and Nneka Ogwumike (2007-08 & 2006-07, Cy-Fair) among the state's list of former award winners.

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