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**DIVINE SAVIOR HOLY ANGELS HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WISCONSIN 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 Arike Ogunbowale of Divine Savior Holy Angels High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Ogunbowale is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Divine Savior Holy Angels 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 Ogunbowale as Wisconsin'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, Ogunbowale 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 state's returning Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year, Ogunbowale led the Dashers to a 20-4 record and a berth in the Division 1 sectional semifinals, scheduled for March 13. Also the returning State Player of the Year as named by the Associated Press and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel All-Area Player of the Year, the 5-foot-9 junior wing averaged 22.5 points, 12.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 3.0 steals through 24 games. An anchor of the 2013 USA Basketball Women's U16 National Team that won the 2013 FIBA Americas Women's U16 Championship, she also won a gold medal last summer as a member of the 2013 USA Basketball Women's 3x3 U18 World Championship Team.

Ogunbowale has maintained a 3.37 GPA in the classroom and has served in student government. A member of her school's Sister of Culture Club and Student Athletic Advisory Council, she has volunteered locally at a nursing home, as a Sunday School teacher and on behalf of her church community.

"One of the biggest compliments I can give to Arike is that she makes the extraordinary look ordinary," said DSHA head coach Scott Witt. "When you see Arike make one great play after another, it's easy to become spoiled and simply expect her to achieve those things every time she has the ball in her hands. That she is still able to do so frequently with that pressure on her shoulders and the other team knowing what's coming is a testament to her ability and her willingness to shoulder the load for our team."

Ogunbowale 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.

Two time winner Ogunbowale joins Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Players of the Year Nicole Bauman (2011-12, Eisenhower High School), Samantha Logic (2010-11, Case High School), Nicole Griffin (2009-10 & 2008-09, Milwaukee Vincent), Rachael Hencke (2007-08, Grafton), and Lin Zastrow (2006-07, Jefferson) among the state's list of former award winners.

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