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**MONTROSE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MARYLAND BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 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 Allonzo Trier of Montrose Christian School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Maryland Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Trier is the sixth Gatorade Maryland Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Montrose Christian 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 Trier as Maryland's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Trier joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.), Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.) and Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas).

The 6-foot-5, 198-pound junior guard led the Mustangs to a 20-5 record and the National Christian School Athletic Association championship this past season. Trier averaged 25.5 points, 3.5 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.1 steals while shooting 67 percent from inside this arc. Ranked as the nation's No. 23 recruit in the class of 2015 by ESPN, he scored 28 points in Montrose Christian's 65-63 win over Mount Mission (Va.) in the NCSAA championship game.

Trier has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, an area homeless shelter and as a pre-school assistant.

"Allonzo Trier is an outstanding player," said Tom Rose, head coach at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. "He has an incredible ability to get to the rim and his shooting range is past 25 feet. He was definitely one of the top players we competed against this year."

Trier will begin his 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.

Trier joins recent Gatorade Maryland Boys Basketball Players of the Year Marquis Wright (2012-13, North Point High School), Justin Anderson (2011-12, Montrose Christian School), Marcus Thornton (2010-11, Bishop McNamara High School), Josh Hairston (2009-10, Montrose Christian School), Christian Webster (2008-09, Landon School), Sean Mosley (2007-08, St. Frances Academy), and Malcolm Delaney (2006-07, Towson Catholic) among the state's list of former award winners.

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