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**ABINGTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® PENNSYLVANIA 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 J.C. Show of Abington Heights High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Show is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Abington Heights 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 Show as Pennsylvania'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, Show 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-3, 200-pound senior guard led the Comets to a 26-2 record and the second round of the Class AAA tournament this past season. Show averaged 17.7 points, 4.8 rebounds, 4.6 assists and 2.4 steals per game. A First Team All-State selection, he is a three-time First Team All-Lackawanna League honoree.

Show has maintained a 3.88 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade Award's broad criteria. A devoted member of his church community and a member of the National Honor Society, he has volunteered locally assisting autistic students in his school and coaching youth basketball players.

"J.C. Show is terrific," said Andrew Kettel, head coach at Scranton Prep. "He's strong, tough to guard and has a very high IQ. He can take it to the basket, set up his teammates ... he just knows how to win."

Show has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Bucknell 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.

Show joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Basketball Players of the Year Steve Vasturia (2012-13, St. Joseph's Preparatory School), Amile Jefferson (2011-12 & 2011-12, Friends' Central School), Tony Chennault (2009-10, Neumann-Goretti), Maalik Wayns (2008-09, Roman Catholic High School), Brian Walsh (2007-08, Moon Area High School), and Jeff Jones (2006-07, Monsignor Bonner) among the state's list of former award winners.

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