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**ST. GEORGES TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DELAWARE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 4, 2014) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Taronn Selby of St. Georges Technical High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Delaware Football Player of the Year. Selby is the first Gatorade Delaware Football Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Georges Technical 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 field, distinguishes Selby as Delaware's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Selby joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Wes Welker (1999-00, Heritage Hall HS, Okla.), Terrell Suggs (1999-00, Hamilton HS, Ariz.), Anquan Boldin (1998-99, Pahokee HS, Fla.) and Jerome Bettis (1989-90, Mackenzie HS, Mich.).

The 5-foot-9, 165-pound senior running back rushed for 1,488 yards and 21 touchdowns on 163 carries this past season, leading the Hawks to an 11-1 record and the Division 2 semifinals. Selby averaged 9.1 yards per carry and also returned two kickoffs for touchdowns. He was an All-State selection at both running back and defensive back as a junior.

Selby has maintained a B average in the classroom. A youth leader at his church, he has volunteered locally as a peer mentor.

"Selby is a game-changer," said Glenn Phillips, head coach at Laurel High. "He's got great speed and he can break off a big play from any spot on the field. He's not a big kid, but he's got every tool a running back needs, and they use him in a lot of different ways."

Selby has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at Villanova University beginning in the fall of 2015.

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.

Selby joins recent Gatorade Delaware Football Players of the Year Darius Wade (2013-14, Middletown High School), Chris Godwin (2012-13, Middletown High School), Jamie Jarmon (2011-12, Indian River High School), Ryan Kilpatrick (2010-11, Salesianum School), C. J. Jones (2009-10, A.I. du Pont), Duron Harmon (2008-09, Caesar Rodney High School) and Brian Potts (2007-08, Caravel Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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