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**NATIONAL CATHEDRAL SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 12, 2015) — In its 30<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Marta Sniezek of National Cathedral School as its 2014-15 Gatorade District of Columbia Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Sniezek is the first Gatorade District of Columbia Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from National Cathedral 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 Sniezek as District of Columbia'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, Sniezek 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 5-foot-7 senior point guard averaged 24.5 points and six rebounds per game this past season, leading the Eagles (20-6) to the D.C. State Athletic Association semifinals. The district's returning Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year and reigning Gatorade Girls Soccer Player of the Year, she is a 2015 Washington Post First Team All-Met selection.

Sniezek has maintained a 3.02 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Haiti Relief Fund and with So Others May Eat, delivering food and medical supplies to families in need.

"Marta Sniezek is a true competitor down to her core," said National Cathedral head coach Brittany Mitch. "Her knowledge of the game and her skill level are on another level. She is a true leader."

Sniezek has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Stanford 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.

Two-time winner Sniezek joins Gatorade District of Columbia Girls Basketball Players of the Year Lindsay Allen (2012-13, St. John's College High School), Katie Gillespie (2011-12, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School), Mooriah Rowser (2010-11, St. John's College High School), Nicola Zimmer (2009-10, St. John's College), Taylor Hilton (2008-09, Sidwell Friends School), Patrice Johnson (2007-08, HD Woodson), and Khadijah Rushdan (2006-07, St. Elizabeth) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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