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MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® FLORIDA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 12, 2015) — 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 Beatrice Mompremier of Miami Senior High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Mompremier is the first Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Miami Senior 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 Mompremier as Florida'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, Mompremier 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 6-foot-4 senior forward and center led the Stingarees to a 29-3 record and a second consecutive Class 8A state championship this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year, Mompremier averaged 25.2 points, 15.2 rebounds, 5.0 blocks, 3.5 steals and 2.6 assists per game. A McDonald's All-American Game and Jordan Brand Classic selection, Mompremier shot 63.2 percent from the field and 69.9 percent from the free-throw line. During the USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team's 5-0, gold-medal run to the 2014 FIBA Americas U18 Championship this past summer, she averaged 9.0 points and 5.4 rebounds in 18 minutes per game off the bench.

Mompremier has maintained a 3.30 weighted GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating her time as a youth basketball instructor and scorekeeper, she has volunteered locally with her school's special education program and on behalf of both Key Club International and Kiwanis International.

"When I look at past Gatorade Player of the Year award winners such as Lebron James, Brandon Knight, Maya Moore, Breanna Stewart and Peyton Manning, I see winners—not just stat collectors," said Miami Senior High head coach Samuel Baumgarten. "Beatrice is that kind of winner. She is a champion."

Mompremier has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Baylor 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 Mompremier joins Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Players of the Year Ieshia Small (2012-13, Florida State University School), Alexis Prince (2011-12, Edgewater High School), Amber Henson (2010-11, Sickles High School), Dawnn Maye (2009-10, Dillard), Ashley Jones (2008-09, Lake Howell), Tiffany Hayes (2007-08, Winter Haven), and Krystal Thomas (2006-07, The First Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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