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**MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® IDAHO 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 Destiny Slocum of Mountain View High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Idaho Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Slocum is the first Gatorade Idaho Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mountain View 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 Slocum as Idaho'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, Slocum 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-8 junior point guard led the Mavericks to a 26-1 record and the Class 5A state title this past season. Slocum averaged 25.1 points, 5.6 assists, 5.3 rebounds and 2.9 steals per game while shooting 50.9 percent from inside the arc. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she scored 26 points with 10 rebounds in Mountain View's 66-53 win over Boise in the state final.

Slocum has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. An active member in her church community, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the YMCA and as a youth basketball coach.

"Destiny Slocum is the best player I have ever seen in girls' basketball in Idaho," said Todd Simpson, head coach at Timberline High. "I have watched other players, even some who played here at Timberline, who won Gatorade Player of the Year and she is better. She can score from the paint or from three-point range and also makes plays for the rest of her teammates. I honestly don't think anyone else is close to her ability on the floor."

Slocum has verbally committed to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Washington beginning in the fall of 2016.

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.

Slocum joins recent Gatorade Idaho Girls Basketball Players of the Year Leah Bonner (2013-14, Skyview High School), Dani Faylor (2012-13, Post Falls High School), Tisha Phillips (2011-12, Lewiston High School), Jackie Luna-Castro (2010-11, Boise High School), Katelyn Loper (2009-10, Post Falls), and Katie Baker (2008-09, 2007-08 & 2006-07, Lake City) among the state's list of former award winners.

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