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**DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® IOWA 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 Audrey Faber of Dowling Catholic High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Iowa Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Faber is the first Gatorade Iowa Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dowling Catholic 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 Faber as Iowa'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, Faber 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-1 senior forward averaged 18.9 points, 6.2 rebounds this past season, leading the Maroons to the Class 5A semifinals. A 2014 First Team All-State selection, Faber led all of Class 5A in field goal percentage (61.4) and ranked fifth in points per game. She also posted regular season averages of 2.6 assists and 1.9 assists per game while shooting 61.6 percent inside the arc and 86 percent from the free throw line.

Faber has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Miracle League and at a food pantry in addition to delivering holiday gift baskets to families in need.

"Audrey Faber has grown into one of the best players I have coached in more than 40 years of coaching," said Dowling Catholic High head coach Bob Hanson. "She has developed into a complete and versatile player who is comfortable playing any position. She has also grown into an outstanding young woman who has led our team to much success. She will be a certain success in whatever she undertakes."

Faber has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Creighton 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.

Faber joins recent Gatorade Iowa Girls Basketball Players of the Year Haley Lorenzen (2013-14, City High School), Ally Disterhoft (2012-13, Iowa City West High School), Maddie Manning (2011-12, Ankeny High School), Kiah Stokes (2010-11 & 2009-10, Linn-Mar High School), Jaime Printy (2008-09, Linn-Mar), Kelly Krei (2007-08, City), and Kelsey Bolte (2006-07, Battle Creek-Ida Grove) among the state's list of former award winners.

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