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**ELIZABETHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® KENTUCKY 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 Erin Boley of Elizabethtown High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Boley is the second Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Elizabethtown 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 Boley as Kentucky'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, Boley 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 state's returning Gatorade State Player of the Year, the 6-foot-2 junior forward and center had led the Panthers to a 31-2 record and a berth in the Sweet Sixteen State Tournament at the time of her selection. Boley averaged 19.9 points, 9.7 rebounds, 3.0 steals and 2.8 assists per contest through 33 games while Elizabethtown went unbeaten against in-state opponents. The 5th Region Player of the Year, she is the No. 9-rated recruit in the Class of 2016 by espnW.

Boley has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. The vice president of the Elizabethtown High School junior class, she is a member of her school's Spanish Club and Pep Club and has volunteered locally at an after-school program for children.

"Erin can take over a game at any time and is one of the hardest-working high school players I have seen in awhile," said Donna Moir, head coach of Sacred Heart Academy. "She is tough to play because she can beat you with her shooting and take you inside and post you up."

Boley has made a verbal commitment to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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.

Two-time winner Boley joins Gatorade Kentucky Girls Basketball Players of the Year Makayla Epps (2012-13, Marion County High School), Sydney Moss (2011-12, Boone County High School), Sara Hammond (2010-11, Rockcastle County High School), Sarah Beth Barnette (2009-10, Lexington Christian Academy), A'dia Mathies (2008-09, Iroquois), Tia Gibbs (2007-08, Butler Traditional), and Rebecca Gray (2006-07, Scott County) among the state's list of former award winners.

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