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SKY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® UTAH 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 Lindsey Jensen of Sky View High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Jensen is the first Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sky 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 Jensen as Utah'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, Jensen 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-10 senior guard led the Bobcats to a 25-0 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Jensen averaged 23.2 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.3 steals per game. A First Team All-State selection by the Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune, she was also named to the USA TODAY's All-USA Utah First Team.

Jensen has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community and a talented musician, she has volunteered locally on behalf of Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and youth sports programs.

"Jensen has great range with her shot and is also exceptional at taking it strong to the basket," said Van Park, head coach at Bear River High. "She plays hard on both sides of the ball and she has a great basketball IQ and instincts."

Jensen has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Utah State 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.

Jensen joins recent Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Players of the Year Haley Bodnar (2013-14, Desert Hills High School), Malia Nawahine (2012-13, Springville High School), Brittney Martin (2011-12, Syracuse High School), Lexi Eaton (2010-11 & 2009-10, Springville High School), Haley Holmstead (2008-09, American Fork), Dani Peterson (2007-08, Skyline), and Tasha Dickey (2006-07, Brighton) among the state's list of former award winners.

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