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**DIVINE SAVIOR HOLY ANGELS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® WISCONSIN 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 Arike Ogunbowale of Divine Savior Holy Angels High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Ogunbowale is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Divine Savior Holy Angels 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 Ogunbowale as Wisconsin'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, Ogunbowale 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-9 senior wing has led the Dashers to a 24-2 record and a berth in the Division 1 state semifinals, scheduled for March 13. The state's two-time returning Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year, Ogunbowale averaged 26.2 points, 9.1 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.5 steals through 26 games. A McDonald's All-American Game, Jordan Brand Classic and WBCA High School All-America Team selection, Ogunbowale shot 47.9 percent from the field, 30.7 percent from 3-point range and 73.5 percent from the free-throw line. She has won four gold medals for USA Basketball as a member of the Women's U16 National Team, U17 World Championship Team and 3x3 U18 World Championship Team.

Ogunbowale has maintained a 3.35 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's Sister of Culture Club and Student Athletic Advisory Council, she has volunteered locally on behalf of her church, a nursing home, the Special Olympics and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

"Not only is Arike one of the most dynamic basketball players I've ever seen, she also gets her teammates involved in every aspect of the game, which makes her very difficult to defend," said Mallory Liebl, head coach of rival Brookfield Central High. "She is the kind of player who can take over any game at any time. What is also very impressive about Arike is the way she conducts herself on and off the court, with the utmost respect for everyone."

Ogunbowale has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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.

Three-time winner Ogunbowale joins Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Basketball Players of the Year Nicole Bauman (2011-12, Eisenhower High School), Samantha Logic (2010-11, Case High School), Nicole Griffin (2009-10 & 2008-09, Milwaukee Vincent), Rachael Hencke (2007-08, Grafton), and Lin Zastrow (2006-07, Jefferson) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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