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ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® CONNECTICUT BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 20, 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 Steven Enoch of St. Thomas More School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Enoch is the third Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Thomas More 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 Enoch as Connecticut's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Enoch joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.), Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.) and Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas).

The 6-foot-10, 235-pound senior forward averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Chancellors (29-9) to the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council Class AAA semifinals. The state's No.1 recruit in the Class of 2015 as rated by the New England Recruiting Report, Enoch scored 18 points with seven rebounds in an 83-76, come-from-behind victory over Vermont Academy at the Spaulding Hoophall Classic in January.

Enoch has maintained a 3.27 GPA in the classroom. He has donated his time delivering meals and clothing to families in need and has volunteered as a tour guide for prospective students at his school.

"Steven Enoch possesses tremendous integrity and initiative," said St. Thomas More head coach Jere Quinn. "He has had a wonderful season while playing in the strongest conference in the country. He will have a very successful career at UConn as a student and as an athlete."

Enoch has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Connecticut this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School Sports</u>, 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.

Enoch joins recent Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Players of the Year Alex Wolf (2013-14, Greenwich High School), Kurt Steidl (2012-13, Ridgefield High School), Kris Dunn (2011-12, New London High School), Andre Drummond (2010-11, St. Thomas More High School), Brandon Sherrod (2009-10, Stratford High School), Greg DeSantis (2008-09, Notre Dame Catholic High School), Allan Chaney (2007-08, New London High School), and Matthew Bryan-Amaning (2006-07, South Kent School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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