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**HOMESTEAD HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® INDIANA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 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 Caleb Swanigan of Homestead High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Swanigan is the first Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Homestead 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 Swanigan as Indiana'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, Swanigan 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-9, 260-pound senior forward and center has led the Spartans to a 30-2 record and a berth in the Class 4A semifinals, scheduled for March 21. Swanigan averaged 22.1 points and 14.6 rebounds per game while shooting 64 percent from inside the arc through 32 games. A 2015 McDonald's All-American Game selection and a 2015 Jordan Brand Classic game invitee, Swanigan is ranked as the nation's No. 8 recruit in the class of 2015 by ESPN.

Swanigan has maintained a 3.10 GPA in the classroom. A devoted parishioner in his church community, he has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach.

"Caleb Swanigan is the most complete big man that I have seen in a very long time," said Aaron Rehrer, head coach at Wayne High. "He has great footwork, he is a great passer and he can score from anywhere on the floor. He is often double- and triple-teamed on every touch and he still manages to get great numbers."

Swanigan remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Swanigan joins recent Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Trey Lyles (2013-14, Arsenal Technical High School), Zak Irvin (2012-13, Hamilton Southeastern High School), Gary Harris (2011-12, Hamilton Southeastern High School), Cody Zeller (2010-11, Washington High School), Travis Carroll (2009-10, Danville Community), Jordan Hulls (2008-09, Bloomington High School South), Tyler Zeller (2007-08, Washington High School), and Eric Gordon (2006-07, North Central High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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