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**FOREST HILLS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE MICHIGAN BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 11, 2016) — In its 31<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 Anthony Bowie of Forest Hills Central High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Michigan Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Bowie is the first Gatorade Michigan Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Forest Hills Central 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 field, distinguishes Bowie as Michigan's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Bowie joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-10, 165-pound senior forward led the Rangers to a 23-0-3 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Bowie scored 42 goals and passed for 26 assists, including a goal and an assist in the state final. The Michigan Soccer Coaches Association's Mr. Soccer winner, he was an All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America after missing his entire junior year with an ankle injury.

Bowie has maintained a 3.93 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of area beautification projects and as an academic tutor. He has also donated his time as a youth soccer coach and referee.

"Anthony has the best vision in the high school game I have ever seen," said Gene Pulice, head coach of Detroit Catholic Central High. "He is continuously scanning the field, and he knows where his teammates are and where the ball needs to be. Seeing the field and then being able to get the ball there is a great quality that makes for a dangerous opponent."

Bowie has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Western Michigan University beginning 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.

Bowie joins recent Gatorade Michigan Boys Soccer Players of the Year DeJuan Jones (2014-15, East Lansing High School), Alec Lasinski (2013-14, Skyline High School), Dewey Lewis (2012-13, Rockford High School), Zach Carroll (2011-12, Grand Blanc High School), Dzenan Catic (2010-11, East Kentwood High School), Soony Saad, (2009-10, Dearborn High School), Kevin Cope (2008-09, Salem High School), and Casey Townsend (2007-08 & 2006-07, Traverse City West High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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