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**WOODBRIIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DELAWARE GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 10, 2016) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Altia Anderson of Woodbridge High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Delaware Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Anderson is the first Gatorade Delaware Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Woodbridge 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 Anderson as Delaware'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, Anderson 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 6-foot-2 senior forward led the Blue Raiders to a 15-8 record and the second round of the state tournament this past season. Anderson averaged 19.3 points, 14.2 rebounds, 5.7 blocks and 3.8 assists per game. She is a two-time All-State honoree and has been named First Team All-Conference each of the past three years.

Anderson has maintained an A average in the classroom. Also a track and field hockey standout in addition to serving as treasurer of her school's Key Club, she has volunteered locally on behalf of youth basketball programs.

"Anderson is a great all-around player," said Billie Fox, head coach at Delmar High. "She has amazing skill, her effort is unbelievable and she displays great sportsmanship at all times. She's fun to watch, even when you're playing against her."

Anderson has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Marquette 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.

Anderson joins recent Gatorade Delaware Girls Basketball Players of the Year Adrianna Hahn (2014-15, 2013-14 & 2012-13, Ursuline Academy), Anjaleace White (2011-12, Sanford School), Betnijah Laney (2010-11 & 2009-10, Smyrna High School), Dara Taylor (2008-09, Caravel Academy), Elena Delle Donne (2007-08, Ursuline Academy), and Khadijah Rushdan (2006-07, St. Elizabeth High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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