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**BOUNTIFUL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® UTAH 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 Kennedy Redding of Bountiful High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Redding is the first Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bountiful 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 Redding as Utah'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, Redding 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-4 senior center led the Braves to a 22-3 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Redding averaged 23.2 points, 13.9 rebounds, 3.4 blocks and 1.2 steals per game. She was named Class 4A MVP by the Deseret News as a junior and made USA TODAY's ALL-USA Utah First Team.

Redding has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has volunteered locally on behalf of a food bank, the South Davis Community Care Center and youth sports programs.

"Redding does so much for her team, on offense and defense," said Rebecca Packer, head coach at Clearfield High. "She's hard to stop when she gets the ball in the low post and she's also a very good foul shooter and a very good passer. On the defensive end, she alters a lot of shots."

Redding will attend Brigham Young University this fall, where she will play volleyball on scholarship.

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.

Redding joins recent Gatorade Utah Girls Basketball Players of the Year Lindsey Jensen (2014-15, Sky View High School), Haley Bodnar (2013-14, Desert Hills High School), Malia Nawahine (2012-13, Springville High School), Brittney Martin (2011-12, Syracuse High School), Lexi Eaton (2010-11 & 2009-10, Springville High School), Haley Holmstead (2008-09, American Fork High School), Dani Peterson (2007-08, Skyline High School), and Tasha Dickey (2006-07, Brighton High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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