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**SOUTH KENT SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® CONNECTICUT BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 17, 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 Matthew Moyer of South Kent School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Moyer is the second Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from South Kent 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 Moyer 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, Moyer 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-8, 215-pound senior forward averaged 16.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game while shooting nearly 60 percent from inside the arc this past season, leading the Cardinals (20-10) to the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council Class AAA semifinals. The state's No. 2 recruit in the Class of 2016 as ranked by the New England Recruiting Report, Moyer averaged 21.5 points per game in the NEPSAC Class AAA tournament.

Moyer has maintained a 3.61 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society and an accomplished classical violinist, he has volunteered on behalf of an area soup kitchen and as a youth basketball coach.

"Matthew Moyer is a rare find in the basketball world," said South Kent head coach Kelvin Jefferson. "He is a high-major talent on and off the court. You can find him playing a classical piece on his violin or dunking a basketball with authority. His (basketball) IQ is off the charts and he is a great leader and teammate."

Moyer has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Syracuse 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.

Moyer joins recent Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Players of the Year Steven Enoch (2014-15, St. Thomas More School), 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 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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