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**DOVER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DELAWARE 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 Jordan Allen of Dover High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Delaware Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Allen is the second Gatorade Delaware Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dover 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 Allen as Delaware'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, Allen 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-4, 195-pound senior guard averaged 20 points and 5.2 rebounds while shooting 54.5 percent from inside the arc this past season, leading the Senators (16-4) to the second round of the state tournament. A First Team All-Conference selection, Allen surpassed the 1,000-point mark for his prep career earlier this season.

Allen has maintained a B average in the classroom. A standout varsity football player, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and as a mentor for children with special needs.

"Over the years, Jordan Allen has just continued to improve his game," said Caesar Rodney high head coach Freeman Williams. "He is a tremendous scorer and competitor and he is arguably the best shooter in our state."

Allen has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at New Jersey's Rider 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.

Allen joins recent Gatorade Delaware Boys Basketball Players of the Year DeV Vaughn Mallory (2014-15, Polytech High School), Brian O'Neill (2013-14, Salesianum School), Sabri Thompson (2012-13, Sanford School), Eric Laster (2011-12, Polytech High School), Tim Massado (2010-11, St. Elizabeth High School), Corey Crawford (2009-10, Dover), Paul Reynolds (2008-09, Smyrna High School), Erique Gumbs (2007-08, Caravel Academy), and Jarrett Mann (2006-07, Middletown High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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