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**IOLANI SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® HAWAII 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 Hugh Hogland of Iolani School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Hogland is the seventh Gatorade Hawaii Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Iolani 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 Hogland as Hawaii'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, Hogland 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-9, 220-pound junior center led the Raiders to a 22-9 record and the Division 1 state championship this past season. Hogland averaged 15.0 points, 10.0 rebounds and 5.0 blocks per game. The Honolulu Star-Advertiser Player of the Year, he was also the Most Outstanding Player in the Division 1 state tournament.

Hogland has maintained a 3.08 GPA in the classroom. A mentor for young science students, he has volunteered locally on behalf of beach cleanup initiatives, youth basketball camps and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu.

"The way Hogland changed the game for his team this year was unmatched," said Ryan Hirata, head coach at Mid-Pacific Institute. "He really stepped up in the state tournament when they needed him most. He altered shots and created havoc on the defensive end, while scoring at will on the low block and setting up his teammates on the offensive end. He was a force."

Hogland will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Hogland joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Basketball Players of the Year Kupa'a Harrison (2014-15, Kalaheo High School), Ikaika Phillip (2013-14, Iolani School), Joshua Ko (2012-13, Kalaheo High School), DeForest Buckner (2011-12, Punahou School), Micah Christenson (2010-11 & 2009-10, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Pi'i Minns (2008-09, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School), Kameron Steinhoff (2007-08, Punahou School), and Spencer McLachlin (2006-07, Punahou School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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