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**MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® ILLINOIS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 17, 2016) — In its 31<sup>st</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Charlie Moore of Morgan Park High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Illinois Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Moore is the first Gatorade Illinois Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Morgan Park 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 Moore as Illinois'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, Moore 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, 155-pound senior guard had led the Mustangs to a 26-3 record and a berth in the Class 3A Super-Sectional round at the time of his selection. A First Team All-City honoree by the Chicago Sun-Times, he averaged 25.1 points, 5.6 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 2.9 steals through 29 games. Moore, who received Honorable Mention All-State recognition from the Associated Press and Chicago Tribune as a junior, was shooting 65.0 percent from the field, 41.8 percent from 3-point range and 87.5 percent from the free-throw line entering the state postseason round of eight. Moore led Morgan Park to Class 3A state championships as a freshman and sophomore. He averaged a team-high 15.8 points and 4.5 assists to go along with 2.7 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game for the Mac Irvin Fire in Nike's 2015 Elite Youth Basketball League.

Moore has maintained a 3.86 weighted GPA in the classroom. Also an accomplished artist, he has volunteered as part of the Mac Irvin Fire Turkey Drive each of the past two Thanksgiving holidays in addition to mentoring younger players in the program.

"Charlie loves the game of basketball and gives everything he has got every time he steps on the court," said Morgan Park head coach Nick Irvin. "Off the court, he's quiet and laid back, but when he steps on the court, he is all about doing whatever it takes to beat you and have his team win."

Moore has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Memphis 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade Illinois Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jalen Brunson (2014-15 & 2013-14, Stevenson High School), Jabari Parker (2012-13 & 2011-12, Simeon Career Academy), Chasson Randle (2010-11, Rock Island High School), Rayvonte Rice (2009-10, Centennial High School), Matt Vogrich (2008-09, Lake Forest High School), Michael Dunigan (2007-08, Farragut Career Academy), and Derrick Rose (2006-07, Simeon Career Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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