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## LAWRENCE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® INDIANA 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 Kyle Guy of Lawrence Central High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Guy is the first Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Lawrence Central 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 Guy as Indiana'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, Guy 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-3, 150-pound senior guard averaged 23.5 points, 5.6 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game while shooting nearly 60 percent from inside the arc this past season, leading the Bears (19-7) to the Class 4A sectional final. A 2016 McDonald's All-American Game selection and an Indiana Mr. Basketball finalist, Guy is the nation's No. 24 recruit in the Class of 2016 as rated by ESPN. He scored 31 points on 12-for-18 shooting in Lawrence Central's season-ending loss to Southport in the sectional final.

Guy has maintained a B average in the classroom. A devoted parishioner of his church community, he has volunteered locally on behalf of an elementary school literacy-outreach program and as a youth basketball coach.

"Kyle Guy is the best shooter and scorer I have seen in my 28 years of coaching," said Lawrence Central High head coach Al Gooden. "He can shoot the three-pointer, hit the pull-up jumper and get to the basket to finish. He is also a great team leader and an outstanding young man."

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

Guy joins recent Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Caleb Swanigan (2014-15, Homestead High School), Trey Lyles (2013-14, Arsenal Technical High School), Zak Irvin (2012-13, Hamilton Southeastern High School), Gary Harris (2011-12, Hamilton Southeastern High School), Cody Zeller (2010-11, Washington High School), Travis Carroll (2009-10, Danville Community High School), Jordan Hulls (2008-09, Bloomington High School South), Tyler Zeller (2007-08, Washington High School), and Eric Gordon (2006-07, North Central High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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