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**LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® IOWA 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 Bohannon of Linn-Mar High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Iowa Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Bohannon is the third Gatorade Iowa Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Linn-Mar 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 Bohannon as Iowa'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, Bohannon 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-1, 170-pound senior point guard averaged 25.8 and 5.3 rebounds per game while shooting 94 percent from the free throw line this past season, leading the Lions (17-6) to the Class 4A sub-state final. A First Team All-Conference selection, Bohannon led all of Class 4A with 593 points this winter and poured in 44 points during his team's season-ending playoff loss to Cedar Falls.

Bohannon has maintained a 3.25 GPA in the classroom. An avid golfer, he had volunteered at his school on behalf of Students Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol (SODA) and Teens Reaching Youth (TRY).

"Jordan Bohannon is a first-class player and person," said Ryan Luersmann, head coach at Xavier High. "He carried his team this past season and had some amazing individual performances along the way. He is probably the most skilled player in the state of Iowa this year. He handles the ball well, shoots it better than anyone in the state and is one of the fiercest competitors we have played."

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

Bohannon joins recent Gatorade Iowa Boys Basketball Players of the Year Spencer Haldeman (2014-15, Western Dubuque High School), Wyatt Lohaus (2013-14, Iowa City West High School), Jeremy Morgan (2012-13, Iowa City West High School), Marcus Paige (2011-12, Linn-Mar High School), Jarrod Uthoff (2010-11, Jefferson High School), Harrison Barnes (2009-10 & 2008-09, Ames High School), Matt Gatens (2007-08, City High School), and Brent Barz (2006-07, Johnston High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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