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**RIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® FLORIDA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 13, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced RENNIA DAVIS of Ribault High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Davis is the second Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Ribault 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 Davis as Florida's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award announced in March, Davis joins an elite alumni association of past state girls basketball award-winners, including Maya Moore (2005-06, Collins Hill HS, Ga.), Rashanda McCants (2004-05, Asheville HS, N.C.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Diana Taurasi (1998-99 & 1999-00, Don Antonio Lugo HS, Calif.), Shyra Ely (1999-00, Ben Davis HS, Ind.) and Lisa Leslie (1988-89, Morningside HS, Calif.).

The 6-foot-1 senior guard and forward led the Trojans to a 26-3 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Davis averaged 26.3 points, 10.5 rebounds, 3.4 assists and 2.9 steals per game and clicked for 26 points and 11 rebounds in Ribault's 72-31 win over Lakewood High in the state final. A McDonald's All-American selection, Davis was the 2016 Class 5A Player of the Year as well as the 2015 Class 4A Player of the Year and was part of three state titles in four years.

The secretary of the Ribault High National Honor Society, Davis is also a member of her school's Latin Club. "This year RENNIA took her game to new heights," said Derrell Johnson, head coach of R.E. Lee High. "The ability to shoot the ball from deep, along with her ability to put the ball on the floor, made her unguardable."

Davis has maintained a weighted 4.02 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Tennessee beginning 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, 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.

Davis joins recent Gatorade Florida Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jazmine Jones (2015-16, FAMU Developmental Research School), Beatrice Mompremier (2014-15 & 2013-14, Miami Senior High School), Ieshia Small (2012-13, Florida State University School), Alexis Prince (2011-12, Edgewater High School), Amber Henson (2010-11, Sickles High School), Dawnn Maye (2009-10, Dillard High School), Ashley Jones (2008-09, Lake Howell High School), Tiffany Hayes (2007-08, Winter Haven High School), and Krystal Thomas (2006-07, The First Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, RENNIA will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy.

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