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**CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® NEVADA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Troy Brown of Centennial High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Brown is the second Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Centennial 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 Brown as Nevada'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, Brown joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph HS, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.).

The 6-foot-7, 205-pound senior guard averaged 22.7 points, 10.5 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game while shooting 62 percent from inside the arc this past season, leading the Bulldogs (23-5) to the Class 4A regional semifinals. A 2017 McDonald's All-American Game selection and a Jordan Brand Classic game invitee, Brown is ranked as the nation's No. 12 recruit in the Class of 2017 by 247Sports.

An active member of his church youth group, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and as an aide for special needs students at his school. "Troy Brown is one of the most gifted and talented players I have ever seen," said Centennial High head coach Noah Hartssock. "He works incredibly hard day in and day out to become better. He is a great student-athlete in our community where he is admired by many people."

Brown has maintained a 3.95 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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.

Brown joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Players of the Year Zach Collins (2015-16, Bishop Gorman High School), Chase Jeter (2014-15, Bishop Gorman High School), Noah Robotham (2013-14, Bishop Gorman High School), Marcus Allen (2012-13, Centennial High School), Shabazz Muhammad (2011-12 & 2010-11, Bishop Gorman High School), Johnathan Loyd (2009-10, Bishop Gorman High School), Anthony Marshall (2008-09, Mojave High School), and Luke Babbitt (2007-08 & 2006-07, Galena High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Troy 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.