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GRANT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® OREGON BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 15, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Aaron Deloney of Grant High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Deloney is the second Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Grant 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 field, distinguishes Deloney as Oregon'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, Deloney joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln High School, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood High School, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington High School, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Calif.).

The 6-foot-1, 170-pound senior guard led the Generals to a 23-7 record and the Class 6A quarterfinals this past season. Deloney averaged 27.0 points, 5.5 assists, 3.2 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game. A First Team All-State honoree and the Portland Interscholastic League Player of the Year, he was also named USA TODAY's ALL-USA Oregon Player of the Year as a junior.

Deloney has donated his time as a youth basketball coach and has volunteered locally guiding underserved youth on behalf of Self Enhancement, Inc. "Aaron Deloney is a relentless player with an extremely high motor," said Chuck Matthews, head coach at Madison High. "He makes great decisions, he has amazing range on his three and he's very strong finishing at the bucket."

Deloney has maintained a 3.05 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Vermont 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.

Deloney joins Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Players of the Year Kamaka Hepa (2017-18, Jefferson High School), Zach Reichle (2016-17, Wilsonville High School), and Payton Pritchard (2015-16 & 2014-15, West Linn High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Deloney also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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