## MOSES BROWN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE RHODE ISLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (March 13, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Lauren Bousquet** of **Moses Brown School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Bousquet is the second Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Moses Brown School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Bousquet as Rhode Island's best high school girls basketball player and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Illinois), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minnesota) and Joyce Edwards (2023-24, Camden High School, South Carolina).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-10 junior guard had led the Quakers to an 19-3 record and the quarterfinals of the state tournament. Bousquet averaged 23.2 points, 9.8 rebounds, 3.5 steals, 2.1 assists and 1.8 blocks through 22 games. She is an 80.9 percent free throw shooter and led the state in scoring entering the round of eight.

Bousquet has volunteered locally for Providence elementary schools by helping students with their classwork. She has also donated her time as a youth leader in her church community, through which she has performed traditional ceremonial dances for the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church festival. "Lauren dominates the game—she's a rebounding machine, can finish at the basket in many ways and is a matchup nightmare," said Frank Kiser, head coach at La Salle Academy. "Her physicality is game-changing. She is a commanding presence on the floor at both ends."

Bousquet has maintained a 3.42 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Bousquet joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jaina Yekelchik (2023-24, Ponaganset High School), Genesis McNeill (2022-23, Juanita Sanchez Educational Complex), Jillian Rogers (2021-22, North Kingstown High School) and Amaya Dowdy (2020-21, St. Raphael Academy), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate studentathletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>, Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.