ARCHBISHOP HANNAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE LOUISIANA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 20, 2025)— In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Drew Timmons** of **Archbishop Hannan High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Louisiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Timmons is the first Gatorade Louisiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Archbishop Hannan High 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 Timmons as Louisiana's best high school boys basketball player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jayson Tatum (2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.) and Cooper Flagg (2023-24, Montverde Academy, Fl.).

The 6-foot-6, 215-pound senior forward led the Hawks to a 26-7 record and the Select Division II state championship this past season. Timmons averaged 21.4 points, 9.5 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.6 steals per game, and he capped his season with 22 points and four boards in a 59-55 win over Archbishop Shaw in the state final. A three-time First Team All-State selection, he concluded his prep basketball career with 2,910 points and 1,491 rebounds.

Timmons has volunteered locally at the Up21 Bike Camp, teaching special needs children and adults how to ride a bicycle. He has also donated his time to community beautification projects and as a youth basketball coach. "Drew is a great kid and he is clearly the best player in Louisiana this year that I've seen," said Mike McGuire, head coach of Metairie Park Country Day School. "He's the reason for their success this year and, really, since he's been in eighth grade. He's smart, fundamentally sound, tough and a great leader for them."

Timmons has maintained an A average in the classroom. He will attend the United States Naval Academy, where he will play basketball, 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 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.

Timmons joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Allen Graves (2023-24, Ponchatoula High School), Chris Lockett (2022-23, Isidore Newman School), Solomon Washington (2021-22, George Washington Carver Collegiate Academy) and Carlos Stewart (2020-21, Dunham School), 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 student-athletes, 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>.