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**SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE® CALIFORNIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 2017) — In its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Marvin Bagley of Sierra Canyon School as its 2016-17 Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Bagley is the first Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sierra Canyon 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 Bagley as California'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, Bagley 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-11, 220-pound junior guard, forward and center averaged 24.9 points and 10 rebounds per game while shooting 66 percent from the floor this past season, leading the Trailblazers (27-3) to the first round of the CIF Open Division state tournament. Ranked as the nation's No. 1 recruit in the Class of 2018 by ESPN, Rivals and 247Sports, Bagley scored a tournament-record 43 points at the Nike Extravaganza in a 98-72 win over Bishop Gorman (Nev.).

Bagley has volunteered locally on behalf of Hoops With Heart, a Los Angeles-area non-profit organization which benefits underprivileged youths and student-athletes. "Marvin Bagley is a uniquely gifted athlete who can excel from any position on the floor," said Sierra Canyon head coach Tyrone Nichols. "His desire to win and his competitive spirit separate him from his peers. He's an incredible young man off the court and will continue to shine brightly in the future."

Bagley has maintained a 3.43 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Bagley joins recent Gatorade California Boys Basketball Players of the Year Lonzo Ball (2015-16, Chino Hills High School), Tyler Dorsey (2014-15, Maranatha High School), Stanley Johnson (2013-14, Mater Dei High School), Roschon Prince (2012-13, Long Beach Poly High School), Grant Jerrett (2011-12, Lutheran High School), Ryan Anderson (2010-11, Long Beach Poly High School), Allen Crabbe (2009-10, Price High School), Michael Snaer (2008-09, Rancho Verde High School), and Jrue Holiday (2007-08 & 2006-07, Campbell Hall School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Marvin 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](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).