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**MAYA MOORE NAMED McDONALD'S® ALL AMERICAN™ PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**UConn-Bound Honors Student to Receive Recognition  
At McDonald's All American Awards Banquet March 27 in Louisville**

**OAK BROOK, Ill. (March 22, 2007)** – Maya Moore, who has led Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, Ga. to a 125-3 record, three state titles in her career and a national championship in 2007, was named the sixth-annual Morgan Wootten National High School Female Basketball Player of the Year Award winner today.

Past winners include Tina Charles (2006, Connecticut), Abby Waner (2005, Duke), Candace Parker (2004, Tennessee); Ivory Latta (2003, UNC) and Nicole Wolff, (2002, Connecticut). Joining Moore in the honor is McDonald's All American Male Player of the Year, Kevin Love, from Lake Oswego (Ore.) High School (attending UCLA).

The Morgan Wootten Award is given to the McDonald's All American player who exemplifies outstanding character, exhibits leadership and embodies the values of being a student-athlete in both schoolwork and community service activities. McDonald's® established the Award in Wootten's name to pay tribute to his unprecedented achievements as a teacher and a coach. The official presentation will take place at the McDonald's All American Games awards banquet, March 27 in Louisville, Ky.

"I am extremely excited and honored to have the opportunity to be ranked among such high quality players and people," Moore said.

Whether Moore is studying for Advanced Placement (AP) biology to maintain her 3.875 GPA, mentoring other students, coordinating local food drives or pulling up for a three-point shot, she is always going above and beyond. The nation's No. 1 basketball recruit has also used her vertical leap as an all-county track-and-field athlete, having earned a regional high jump title and a state runner-up finish in 2005.

On the court, the 6-foot forward continued to improve her game in 2007, scoring 29 points per game, while compiling 12 rebounds and four assists per game. She is a two time Naismith National High School Player of the Year award winner (2006-07). Moore will attend the University of Connecticut next year with fellow McDonald's All American teammate Lorin Dixon.

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“If I threw all of Maya’s basketball talent out the door, she’d still be the most incredible person I’ve ever known,” said Collins Hill head coach, Tracy Tipton.

Moore is the third female Morgan Wootten Award recipient to attend Connecticut. Former Connecticut guard Nicole Wolff won the award in 2002 and Tina Charles won it in 2006.

Moore is one of only 24 high school seniors selected to play in the sixth annual McDonald’s All American High School Girls Basketball Game, which takes place at Freedom Hall in Louisville, Ky. on March 28, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. (EDT) and airs live on ESPNU. The 30th McDonald’s All American Boys Game will follow at 8:00 p.m. (EDT) and air live on ESPN.

The purpose of the McDonald’s All American Games is to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®). A portion of the proceeds from the 2007 Games will go to RMHC of Kentuckiana. To date, the McDonald’s All American Games have raised more than \$5 million for RMHC and its local chapters.

For more information on the McDonald’s All American Games, please visit: [www.mcdonaldsallamerican.com](http://www.mcdonaldsallamerican.com) or [www.mcdepk.com/2007allamericangame/](http://www.mcdepk.com/2007allamericangame/).

### **About Coach Wootten**

During Wootten’s 43-year career as head basketball coach at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., he earned a reputation for being an excellent basketball coach and mentor. In addition to his five national high school championship titles and 33 conference championships, Wootten had the unique distinction of having every DeMatha senior player receive a four-year college scholarship for the past 30 years.

Now retired, Wootten was the first basketball coach, at any level, to reach 1,200 wins. He is the author of numerous books and is a famed basketball speaker and mentor. Coach Wootten has served as head of the selection committee for the McDonald’s All American Games since its inception.

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