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**PAIGE BUECKERS AND EVAN MOBLEY NAMED MORGAN WOOTTEN
PLAYERS OF THE YEAR FOR THE 2020 McDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN GAMES**

Bueckers and Mobley to be celebrated for their outstanding work on and off the court

HOUSTON (April 1, 2020) – To celebrate the achievements of two special players from this year's McDonald's All American Games rosters, McDonald's is recognizing Paige Bueckers and Evan Mobley as the 2020 Morgan Wootten Players of the Year. This prestigious honor is awarded to a high school girl and boy who demonstrate outstanding character, exhibit leadership and embody the values of being a student-athlete through schoolwork and community affairs. While the 2020 Games will not be played this year due to the ongoing health crisis, all 48 players that were selected will forever be McDonald's All Americans.

Created by McDonald's in 1997, the award honors the impactful coaching and teaching career of Morgan Wootten – the late chairman of the Games Selection Committee. It was Wootten's unquestionable passion for coaching and basketball which helped pioneer the McDonald's All American Games back in 1978 – with Bueckers and Mobley joining the ranks of former Player of the Year recipients including Breanna Stewart, Maya Moore, LeBron James and Jabari Parker.

Paige Bueckers

The high school senior out of Minnesota will head to the University of Connecticut in the fall. The decorated star already has collected basketball accolades, including a Minnesota State Championship and a Gold medal with Team USA. Paige Bueckers averaged 21.4 points per game this season and doubled her assists per game ratio to 9.2, up from 5.4 a season ago. When she isn't dominating opponents on the court, Bueckers enjoys

spending time running her own charity basketball camps, “Buckets With Bueckers,” in various locations throughout the country.

Evan Mobley

Ever since playing basketball in the backyard with his brothers at four years old, Evan Mobley was destined for this moment. The 7-foot senior out of Rancho Christian School won't have to travel too far for college this fall as the California native will head to the University of Southern California. During his senior season, Mobley scored 19.2 points per game, while grabbing 11.3 rebounds per contest. Outside of basketball, Mobley loves volunteering and giving back to those less fortunate.

“Paige and Evan both personify what it means to be a McDonald’s All American,” said Joe Wootten, Co-Chairman of the McDonald’s All American Games Selection Committee. “We admire their talents and look forward to seeing how they continue to make a lasting impact on their communities and the game of basketball.”

Player of the Year Nominees from the Girls Teams include **Kamilla Cordoso** (Hamilton Heights Christina Academy – Tenn.), **Angel Reese** (St. Frances Academy – Md.), **Cameron Brink** (Mountainside High School – Ore.), **Hailey Van Lith** (Cashmere High School – Wash.) and **Caitlin Clark** (Dowling Catholic High School - Iowa).

Player of the Year Nominees from the Boys Teams include **Jalen Green** (Prolific Prep – Calif.), **Cade Cunningham** (Montverde Academy - Fla.), **Scottie Barnes** (Montverde Academy – Fla.), **Jalen Suggs** (Minnehaha Academy – Minn.) and **Brandon Boston Jr.** (Sierra Canyon High School - Calif.).

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