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**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STARS NOMINATED
 TO 2008 McDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN BASKETBALL TEAM**

St. Louis, MO February 4, 2008 - For the past 31 years, the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Games have set the precedent of successful athletes, while changing lives and promoting the importance of charity along the way. This year, the following thirty-four local high school basketball stars have been nominated to the 2008 team.

<u>Male Nominee & School:</u>	<u>Female Nominee & School:</u>
Rueben Cotto, Alton High School	Alisha Goodwin, Althoff Catholic High School
John Brandenburg, DeSmet Jesuit High School	Suzanne Grossnickle, Belleville East High School
Ed Jamerson, Eskridge High School	Morgan Harrington, Belleville East High School
Josh McCoy, Fort Zumwalt South High School	Kelly Gorman, Cor Jesu Academy
Kenneth Harris, Gateway Institute of Technology High School	Teandrea Smith, East St. Louis Senior High School
Jesse Perry, Gateway Institute of Technology High School	Anya Covington, Edwardsville High School
Anthony Booker, McCluer North High School	Courtney Kemp, Fredericktown High School
Femi John, McCluer North High School	Channon Haywood, Hazelwood East High School
Torres Roundtree, McCluer North High School	Devonna Smith, Kirkwood High School
Abel Tillman, McCluer South – Berkeley High School	Sami Dunger, Lafayette High School
Anthony James, Normandy High School	Meghan Lewis, McCluer South – Berkeley High School
Kenny Leverette, O'Fallon Township High School	Kathleen Scheer, New Haven High School
Kramer Soderberg, St. Charles West High School	Jasmine Bailey, Normandy High School
Courtney Belger, University City Senior High School	Ashley Fleming, Silex High School
Cornelius Walker, Vashon High School	Patrice King, St. Joseph's Academy
Scott Suggs, Washington High School	Myrtie Reilly, St. Joseph's Academy
Drew Hanlen, Webster Groves High School	Ryan Leifield, Visitation Academy

From the 2,500 boys and girls nominated, the 24 best players in the nation will be selected, in mid-to-late February, to play in each of the McDonald's All American Basketball Games. Both games will be played in Milwaukee, WI on **Wednesday, March 26, 2008** at the Bradley Center, and as always a portion of the proceeds from the 2008 Game will go directly to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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