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KEVIN LOVE NAMED McDONALD'S® ALL AMERICAN™ PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Morgan Wootten National High School Basketball Player of the Year Award Recipient
Says Father, Former NBA Player Stan Love, Is his Biggest Inspiration**

OAK BROOK, Ill. (March 22, 2007) – Kevin Love, the 6-10, 250 lb. prep superstar from Lake Oswego (Ore.) High School, was named the eleventh-annual Morgan Wootten Award winner today. Previous winners include Greg Oden (2006), Dwight Howard (2004), LeBron James (2003), Jason Williams (1999) and the Award's first recipient Shane Battier (1997). Joining Love in the honor is McDonald's All American Female Player of the Year, Maya Moore, from Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, Ga. (attending UConn).

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.

No stranger to recognition, Kevin is the nephew of Michael Love, a member of the original Beach Boys, and son of Stan Love, the ninth-overall pick in the 1971 NBA draft, chosen by the Baltimore Bullets. Love recognizes his father's impact on his development.

"My dad is not only my biggest inspiration in basketball," said Love, "but the biggest inspiration in my life."

In 2006, Love led Lake Oswego to its first-ever Oregon 4A State Championship as a junior. This year, Love's team lost to McDonald's All American teammate Kyle Singer's South Medford team in the 2007 title game.

Love finished his high school career as the all-time leading scorer in Oregon boys' basketball history with 2,628 points. In the past season, Love averaged 34 points, 18 rebounds and six assists. Often regarded as having the most developed inside game among the 2007 McDonald's All American class, Love said his game most closely resembles that of Wes Unseld, Bill Walton and Elton Brand.

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"For as talented a basketball player as he is, Kevin is a young man who wants people to remember him by who he was as a person, rather than who he was on the court," said Tara Hayes, McDonald's U.S. Communications. "This is exactly why he deserves this award."

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

Love said that if he could play for any coach, he'd wear the gold and blue for UCLA legend and McDonald's All American Games Chairman, John Wooden. Though Wooden retired after his 10th NCAA title in 1975, Love is eager to sport the gold and blue next season under current UCLA coach Ben Howland.

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 or 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 in 1977.

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