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## NMAA Selects its January "Compete with Class" Honoree

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** -- The New Mexico Activities Association is proud to announce that the Gallup girls' basketball team and Head Coach Kamau Turner have been recognized as the Compete with Class award recipient for the month of January.

Aztec Athletic Director Bryan Sanders shared these comments following a girls basketball game against Gallup and Aztec in late January; "We played a game against Gallup in Aztec, in late January. Coach Turner seemed very classy with the way he behaved with his athletes and the officials. When his girls would get called for a foul he would coach his athlete about how they could do things better instead of yelling or complaining to the official. Gallup is an extremely talented team and they conduct themselves well and I think this is a direct reflection of Coach Turner."

Sportsmanship is defined by the NMAA as the act of treating others in a respectful manner, taking personal accountability for ones actions, and responding with integrity while engaged in competition.

The NMAA would like to thank and recognize coach Turner and his team for setting a great example for the state of New Mexico.

Their act of sportsmanship exemplifies the true ideals of the Compete with Class Sportsmanship Initiative - respect, integrity, and responsibility. More information regarding the "Compete with Class" sportsmanship initiative can be found on the NMAA website at <a href="https://www.nmact.org">www.nmact.org</a>.

Note that the NMAA will announce a monthly honoree throughout the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. Questions regarding this announcement can be directed to Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, at (505) 977-5385.

