

# Meet PARADE's All-America High School Girls Basketball Team

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**I**F THE NAMES CHELSEA GRAY and Chiney Ogwumike sound familiar, it's because both have been chosen as PARADE All-Americans twice before. This year, they have the added distinction of sharing Player of the Year honors on our 34th annual All-America High School Girls Basketball Team.

Gray, a 5-foot-11 point guard for St. Mary's High in Stockton, Calif., helped keep the Rams in the nation's top-ranked position for most of the year, averaging 18 points, 7 assists, and 6 rebounds per game.

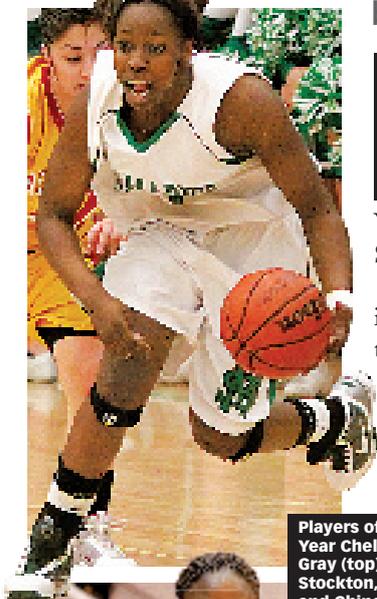
"She's a great all-around player, always working hard to improve," St. Mary's coach Tom Gonsalves says. "Chelsea could score 30 points every night; instead, she passes and gets our other players in the game. She's an even better person than player, and a super student with a 3.6 GPA." Gray will head to Duke next season.

A love of basketball runs in the family for Co-Player of the Year Ogwumike, a 6-foot-3 center at Cy-Fair High in Cypress, Tex. Her sister Nneka was named PARADE Co-Player of the Year in 2008, and Chiney has two younger siblings who also play the sport. But she isn't likely to disappear into anyone's shadow. This season, she averaged 23 points and 9.5 rebounds per game.

"Chiney has so much talent and outstanding leadership abilities," Cy-Fair coach Ann Roubique says. "She has grown tremendously—not only as a player but as an individual. She's an excellent teammate and an excellent role model, and she's without a doubt a great representative of our school and our community." A straight-A student who is active in her community and president of the student council, Ogwumike will join her sister Nneka at Stanford next year.

Gray and Ogwumike head a 40-player roster of standout athletes from 18 states and Washington, D.C. California leads the pack with nine All-Americans, including Co-Player of the

Name	School	City	Ht.
<b>FIRST TEAM</b>			
Chelsea Gray	St. Mary's	Stockton, Calif.	5'11"
Chiney Ogwumike	Cy-Fair	Cypress, Tex.	6'3"
Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, Calif.	6'1"
Odyssey Sims	MacArthur	Irving, Tex.	5'8"
Natasha Howard	Waite	Toledo, Ohio	6'3"
Elizabeth Williams	Princess Anne	Virginia Beach, Va.	6'3"
Richa Jackson	Midwest City	Midwest City, Okla.	6'1"
Shoni Schimmel	Franklin	Portland, Ore.	5'9"
Bria Hartley	North Babylon	North Babylon, N.Y.	5'10"
Alyssa Thomas	Central Dauphin	Harrisburg, Pa.	6'1"
<b>SECOND TEAM</b>			
Haley Peters	Peddle School	Hightstown, N.J.	6'3"
Afure Jemerigbe	St. Mary's	Stockton, Calif.	6'0"
Kaneisha Horn	Ramsay	Birmingham, Ala.	6'1"
Samarie Walker	Chaminade Julienne	Dayton, Ohio	6'1"
Morgan Tuck	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, Ill.	6'2"
Jordan Adams	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, Calif.	6'1"
Sara James	Oak Ridge	El Dorado Hills, Calif.	5'10"
Ariel Massengale	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, Ill.	5'7"
Karla Gilbert	A & M Consolidated	College Station, Tex.	6'4"
Kayla McBride	Villa Maria Academy	Erie, Pa.	5'11"
<b>THIRD TEAM</b>			
Lindsay Sherbert	Great Oak	Temecula, Calif.	6'0"
Amber Henson	Sickles	Tampa, Fla.	6'4"
Bria Smith	Christ the King	Middle Village, N.Y.	5'10"
Cierra Burdick	Butler	Matthews, N.C.	6'2"
Cassie Harberts	San Clemente	San Clemente, Calif.	6'2"
Ariya Crook-Williams	Long Beach Polytechnic	Long Beach, Calif.	5'7"
Jennifer O'Neill	St. Michael Academy	New York, N.Y.	5'6"
Tricia Liston	Fenwick	Oak Park, Ill.	6'1"
Nicole Griffin	Vincent	Milwaukee, Wis.	6'6"
Ronika Ransford	Woodson	Washington, D.C.	5'8"
<b>FOURTH TEAM</b>			
Stefanie Dolson	Minisink Valley	Slate Hill, N.Y.	6'5"
Kiah Stokes	Linn-Mar	Marion, Iowa	6'3"
Bashaara Graves	Clarksville	Clarksville, Tenn.	6'2"
Aaryn Ellenberg	Bishop Gorman	Las Vegas, Nev.	5'7"
Maggie Lucas	Germantown Academy	Fort Washington, Pa.	5'9"
Breanna Stewart	Cicero-North Syracuse	Cicero, N.Y.	6'3"
Meighan Simmons	Steele	Cibola, Tex.	5'9"
Diamond DeShields	Norcross	Norcross, Ga.	6'1"
Kristen Doherty	Sachem East	Farmingville, N.Y.	5'11"
Bonnie Samuelson	Edison	Huntington Beach, Calif.	6'2"



Players of the Year Chelsea Gray (top) of Stockton, Calif., and Chiney Ogwumike of Cypress, Tex.



## The 2010 Players of the Year are both three-time All-Americans.

Year Gray. In addition to Gray and Ogwumike, repeat selections from our 2009 roster include Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, Bria Hartley, Samarie Walker, Morgan Tuck, Amber Henson, and Jennifer O'Neill. The team was selected by coaches, scouts, and recruiters across the country. Readers eager to see their favorite players get some well-deserved recognition also sent in thousands of nominations online.

Among the names submitted were 2010 All-Americans Alyssa Thomas, Lindsay Sherbert, Cassie Harberts, Kiah Stokes, and Maggie Lucas. They—and the rest of this year's team—have a lot to be proud of.

# Top Players



## **KALEENA MOSQUEDA- LEWIS**

*Mater Dei High,  
Santa Ana, Calif.*

The 6-foot-1 guard is a repeat

First Team selection from our 2009 roster. As the best junior in the country on one of the best teams in the country—the Mater Dei Monarchs of Santa Ana, Calif.—Mosqueda-Lewis averaged 24 points and 8 rebounds per game. She has already committed to Connecticut.



## **ODYSSEY SIMS**

*MacArthur High,  
Irving, Tex.*

Point guard Sims racked up an impressive 26 points,

6 rebounds, and 6 assists per game, though she injured her knee at the end of the season. Coach Suzie Oelschlegel attributes such high numbers to Sims' drive and determination: "When Odyssey was younger, she always wanted to play against boys to get better." Sims will next play for Baylor.



## **NATASHA HOWARD**

*Waite High,  
Toledo, Ohio*

"Natasha is a hard worker, intelligent, un-

selfish, and a great person on and off the court," Waite coach Manny May says of the 6-foot-3 power forward. This season, Howard averaged 25.6 points, 10 rebounds, and 5 assists a game. Next season, she'll don garnet and gold for Florida State.

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**ELIZABETH  
WILLIAMS**

*Princess Anne  
High, Virginia  
Beach, Va.*

Williams averaged 17.3 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. But there's more to the 6-foot-3 center than just great stats. Princess Anne coach Darnell Dozier says: "Elizabeth is one of the brightest young ladies I've worked with in 15 years. She's hard-working, and she never has anything negative to say about her teammates."



**RICHA  
JACKSON**

*Midwest City  
High, Midwest  
City, Okla.*

Jackson is a great defensive player. She averaged more than 18 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals a game this season. The 6-foot-1 forward will join Chelsea Gray at Duke.



**SHONI  
SCHIMMEL**

*Franklin High,  
Portland, Ore.*

"Shoni started playing at 4," says Ceci Moses, who is both the Franklin girls basketball coach and Schimmel's mother. "She is a strong defensive player and loves to set up teammates to score." The senior's stats speak for themselves: Schimmel averaged 30 points and 7.7 assists.



Meet our entire All-America team—plus a few fan favorites who didn't make the cut—at [Parade.com/basketball](http://Parade.com/basketball)