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MUNCIE BURRIS LABORATORY SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® INDIANA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 14, 2010) — In its third decade of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Taylor Morey of Muncie Burris Laboratory School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year. Morey is the fourth Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Muncie Burris Laboratory School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court, distinguishes Morey as Indiana's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Morey joins an elite alumni association of past state volleyball award winners, including USA Volleyball Olympians Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 5-foot-6 junior outside hitter led the Owls to a 39-0 record and a 14th consecutive Class 2A state title this past season. Morey recorded 15 kills, nine digs and one service ace in the 3-0 Class 2A state championship victory against Fairfield. A two-time Class 2A First Team All-State selection as named by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association, she produced 415 kills, 233 digs, 59 service aces, 15 blocks and 14 assists while posting a kill percentage of .540 this fall. As a sophomore in 2009, Morey amassed 330 kills, 298 digs, 48 service aces, 15 assists and 14 blocks, leading the Owls (40-0) to the state championship.

Morey has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Fellowship Christian Athletes and Key Club International, she has volunteered on behalf of her church as well as the Feed My Sheep Association, a humanitarian-outreach initiative, and Give Kids a Smile Day, a charitable dental care program for needy children.

"She's a great all-around player," said Wes Lyon, head coach of rival Muncie Central High. "I thought she impacted her team and made them what they were. She has great ball control and is a great hitter for her size. She plays great defense and has been a great server all year. For a skill player in that respect, she's the best hitter in the state."

Morey will begin her senior year of high school next fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Morey joins recent Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Players of the Year Taylor Unroe (2009-10, Muncie Burris Laboratory School), Darcy Dorton (2008-09, Delta) and Caitlin Cox (2007-08, New Castle Chrysler) among the state's list of former award winners.

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