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**MANDEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® LOUISIANA 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 Katie Lindelow of Mandeville High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Player of the Year. Lindelow is the first Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mandeville High 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 Lindelow as Louisiana's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Lindelow 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 6-foot junior outside hitter recorded 547 kills, 491 digs, 102 service aces and 71 blocks this past season while posting a kill percentage of .518 and leading the Skippers (24-11) to the Division I state semifinals. A two-time First Team All-District selection, Lindelow recorded 34 kills and 19 digs in Mandeville's win against then-defending state champion St. Joseph's Academy in the Division I quarterfinals.

Lindelow has maintained a 4.4 weighted GPA in the classroom. A member of the Mandeville High Student Council, she has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach and as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with her church youth group.

"I don't think I've seen a player come through like Katie Lindelow in a long time," said Danny Tullis, head coach of rival Fontainebleau High. "She's the complete package. It's the fact that she defends like a libero and attacks like a 6-4 monster. Her tenacity helps her do all those things. She plays every point like it's the last point she'll ever play in her life."

Lindelow has verbally committed to play volleyball on scholarship at Louisiana State University beginning in the fall of 2012.

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.

Lindelow joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Volleyball Players of the Year Hannah Miranda (2009-10, Northlake Christian School), Kathryn Stock (2008-09, E.D. White Catholic) and Caitlin Clarke (2007-08, Mount Carmel Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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