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## RIVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® MARYLAND 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 Megan Rosburg of River Hill High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Maryland Volleyball Player of the Year. Rosburg is the second Gatorade Maryland Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from River Hill 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 Rosburg as Maryland's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Rosburg 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-9 senior outside hitter recorded 217 kills, 201 digs and 31 service aces this past season while posting a kill percentage of .520 and leading the Hawks (17-2) to the Class 3A East Region championship match. The two-time *Baltimore Sun* All-Metro selection, Rosburg recorded 15 kills and 14 digs in a five-set loss to Centennial High in the East Region final. She was the first freshman ever to start at Greater Atlanta Christian School in Georgia where she played her first two years of high school before moving to Maryland.

Rosburg has maintained a 3.95 GPA in the classroom. A member of the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter, she is a member of the River Hill High Athletic Leadership Council and the Young Life Club.

"Megan Rosburg does an incredible job of making everyone around her better," said Greg Giovanazzi, Rosburg's coach with the Columbia Volleyball Club. "The way she supports her teammates, the way she does all the intangibles, and the last thing in the world she worries about is her stats or how she looks. The only thing she cares about is that her team succeeds and her teammates are happy."

Rosburg remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Rosburg joins recent Gatorade Maryland Volleyball Players of the Year Katy Buck (2009-10, Mount de Sales Academy) and Bailey Webster (2008-09 & 2007-08, St. Paul's School for Girls) among the state's list of former award winners.

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