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**MORGAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® UTAH 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 Ashley Garfield of Morgan High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year. Garfield is the second Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Morgan 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 Garfield as Utah's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Garfield 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-11 senior middle hitter led the Trojans to a 30-2 record and the Class 3A state title this past season. Garfield recorded 374 kills, 125 digs, 117 blocks and 45 service aces. She was named Class 3A MVP by the *Deseret News* and the *Salt Lake Tribune* in each of the last two seasons and is also a member of the Academic All-State team.

Garfield has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. President of her school's chapter of the National Honor Society, she has volunteered locally with youth basketball and volleyball programs as well as on behalf of fundraising campaigns to benefit cancer awareness and the Primary Children's Medical Center.

"She does it all," said Jamie Ingersoll, head coach of rival Lehi High. "Tough serve, great defender, plays the middle. She's someone you plan your entire defense and offense around."

Garfield has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Brigham Young University beginning in the fall of 2011.

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.

Garfield joins recent Gatorade Utah Volleyball Players of the Year Danica Mendivil (2009-10, Pleasant Grove), Brooke McAlister (2008-09, Pleasant Grove) and Chelsey Garfield (2007-08, Morgan) among the state's list of former award winners.

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