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**THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF NAPLES STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE FLORIDA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 13, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Kathryn Fluehr of The Community School of Naples as its 2010-11 Gatorade Florida Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Fluehr is the first Gatorade Florida Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from The Community School of Naples.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the racecourse, distinguishes Fluehr as Florida's best high school girls cross country runner. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year award to be announced in January, Fluehr joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-00, 2000-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Kevin Garnett (1992-93, Maudlin HS, S.C.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-6 senior raced to the Foot Locker South Regional championships title this past season with a time of 17:06, and finished 23rd nationally at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year, Fluehr finished second to her twin sister, Erika, at the Class 1A state meet, but won the Pre-State Invitational, the flrunners.com Invitational, the North Port Invitational, the District 6 Championships and the Region 3 Championships.

Fluehr has maintained a 4.32 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter and Key Club, she has volunteered locally as part of her church's Sunday School program.

"Kathryn is an amazing competitor who always gives every race, opponent and course her best effort," said Community School of Naples head coach Cassie Barone. "She works tirelessly to be the best runner and student that she can be."

Fluehr will attend Princeton this fall, where she will compete in cross country and track and field.

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.

Two-time winner Fluehr joins Gatorade Florida Girls Cross Country Runners of the Year two-time winner Ashley Brasovan (2007-08 & 2008-09, Wellington) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners, and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com.

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