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**DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE UTAH 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 Shea Martinez of Davis High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Utah Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Martinez is the first Gatorade Utah Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Davis 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 racecourse, distinguishes Martinez as Utah'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, Martinez 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-8 sophomore raced to the Class 5A individual state championship this past season with a time of 18:45, leading the Darts to the state title as a team. Martinez took fourth at the Nike Cross Nationals Southwest Regional championships in 17:52 and earned victories at the Murray Invitational and the Provo Bulldog Invitational.

Martinez has maintained a 3.32 GPA in the classroom. A dedicated member of her church community, she has volunteered locally serving meals to the elderly and sewing dolls for children in underprivileged countries.

"Shea is hard-working, talented and filled with desire and determination to be her very best," said Davis head coach Corbin Talley. "She is going to have an incredible track and cross country career."

Martinez will begin her junior year of high school this 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.

Martinez joins Gatorade Utah Girls Cross Country Runners of the Year Gillian Gorelik (2009-10, Park City), Danielle Menlove (2008-09, Jordan), and Hailey Knettles (2007-08, Judge Memorial Catholic) 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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