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**BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE IOWA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 20, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Marshall Moyer of Burlington High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Iowa Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. Moyer is the first Gatorade Iowa Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Burlington 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 Moyer as Iowa's best high school boys cross country runner. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year award to be announced in January, Moyer 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 senior placed third at the Nike Cross Nationals Heartland Regional championships this past season with a time of 15:29.83 in addition to finishing 43rd at the Nike Cross Nationals Final in 17:03.10. The state's returning Gatorade Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year, Moyer raced to a second-place finish at the Class 4A state meet in 15:25.00, leading the Grayhounds to fifth place as a team. In the final 150 meters on the state meet course, he collided with a spectator who strayed onto the course and still managed to finish within five seconds of a second consecutive Class 4A individual state title. Moyer won the 2009 Class 4A individual state championship as a junior, finished as the 2008 Class 4A individual state runner-up as a sophomore and placed 16th at the 2007 Class 4A state meet as a freshman.

A member of the Burlington High student council, Moyer has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom and ranks No. 1 in his graduating class. An Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America as well as a member of the school's marching, concert, pep and jazz bands, he has volunteered as part of community-service initiatives on behalf of his church and the National Honor Society. He has also donated his time to local food drives, a peer-mentoring program and the Great River Medical Center.

"I think the state meet was the defining point of who Marshall is," said Burlington High head coach Jim Hofmann. "The way he handled himself was not out of the ordinary for him. That's the way he lives his life. He was just a real leader for us spiritually and physically. He's a real hard worker. He knows how to achieve his goals, and that's what sets him apart. He has a plan to achieve."

Moyer 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.

Two-time winner Moyer joins Gatorade Iowa Boys Cross Country Runners of the Year Lewi Manirumva (2008-09, Washington), and Devin Allbaugh (2007-08, Pleasant Valley) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

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