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**FREDERICA ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE GEORGIA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 13, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Morgan Brian of Frederica Academy as its 2009-10 Gatorade Georgia Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Brian is the first Gatorade Georgia Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Frederica Academy.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Brian as Georgia's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Brian joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Kevin Garnett (1992-93, Maudlin HS, S.C.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-6 junior midfielder has led the Knights (17-2) to the Georgia Independent School Association Class AA state quarterfinals, scheduled for May 15, and had recorded 22 goals and 15 assists at the time of her selection. The captain of the U.S. Soccer Federation Under-17 Women's National Team, Brian is the all-time leading scorer for the U-17 National Team with 14 goals in 17 appearances. A three-time GISA First Team All-State selection, Brian is the nation's No. 2 recruit in the Class of 2011 as rated by TopDrawerSoccer.com and had recorded 147 goals and 97 assists in her prep career through 19 games this season.

Brian has maintained a 3.72 GPA in the classroom. The president of the Frederica Academy Junior Class and a local youth soccer coach, she has helped create a foundation to bring the Under-17 Haitian National Team to Florida to train this summer.

"Morgan Brian was the go-to player on the national team, the one you could always find," said Kaz Tambi, head coach of the U.S. Soccer Federation Under-17 Women's National Team. "No matter who was in trouble, you'd look for Morgan and she'd bail you out and make it look easy. She was clearly a step ahead of the pack."

Brian has verbally committed to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Virginia 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.

Brian joins recent Gatorade Georgia Girls Soccer Players of the Year Laura Eddy (2008-09, Marist School), Ashley Baker (2007-08, Parkview), and Marah Falle (2006-07, Parkview) among the state's list of former award winners.

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