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**ARCHMERE ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® DELAWARE BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 22, 2010) — In its 25<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Ryan Lee of Archmere Academy as its 2009-10 Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Lee is the first Gatorade Delaware Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Archmere 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 track, distinguishes Lee as Delaware's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Lee joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego 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.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

The state's Gatorade Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year, Lee won the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:18.53 at the Meet of Champions this spring. The 6-foot senior distance runner captured first place in the 1,600 and 3,200 in addition to finishing fourth in the 800 at the Division II state meet, leading the Auks to fifth place as a team. His time of 9:12.19 in the 3,200 at the New Castle County Championships set a state record. Lee finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the 5,000-meter run at the Nike Indoor Nationals this past winter.

Lee has maintained a 3.57 weighted GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating his time to multiple faith-based service initiatives at his school, he has volunteered at a local food bank, in association with several fundraising road races and on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.

"He's always looking to do better," said Archmere Head Coach Patrick Riley. "He wants to keep excelling. He had the perfect year that he wanted to have. He went into the year wanting the 3,200 record, and he broke it by four seconds. He's a high school kid, but he thinks like a college athlete and beyond. He already knows things that college kids don't know yet. It's amazing the intelligence he takes towards running."

Lee has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Richmond beginning 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.

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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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