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**DULLES HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® TEXAS BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 22, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Sheroid Evans of Dulles High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Evans is the first Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Dulles 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 track, distinguishes Evans as Texas' 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, Evans 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 6-foot-1 junior won the 200-meter dash at the Class 5A state meet in 20.82 seconds, the No. 1 time in the nation at the time of his selection. Evans also captured the 100-meter dash state crown in 10.34 seconds, the fourth-best clocking nationally. He broke the tape in both the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter run at the 2010 National Scholastic Indoor Championships in March.

Evans has maintained an unweighted 3.32 GPA in the classroom. Also a football standout, he has volunteered locally reading to elementary school students and coaching a youth track club.

"Sheroid is the most outstanding athlete I have had the privilege of coaching in my 33 years," said Dulles Head Coach Charles Burton. "He has great athleticism, but he's also a hard-working, team-oriented person."

Evans has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at the University of Texas and will begin his senior 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.

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