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**CHANDLER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE ARIZONA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 24, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Jasmine Todd of Chandler High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Arizona Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Todd is the first Gatorade Arizona Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Chandler 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 Todd as Arizona's best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Todd joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Allyson Felix (2001-02, Los Angeles Baptist, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Iowa) and Bianca Knight (2006-07, Ridgeland HS, Miss.).

The sophomore jumper and sprinter won the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 11 inches and the triple jump by soaring 39 feet, 3.25 inches at the Class 5A, Division I state meet this spring, leading the Wolves to the championship as a team. The Female Athlete of the Year as named by the *East Valley Tribune*, Todd also won the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.10 seconds and anchored the winning 4x100-meter relay quartet that clocked a 46.95 at the state meet. Her long jump at the state meet and her triple jump of 40 feet, 1 inch at the Fiesta Region finals ranked No. 3 and No. 16, respectively, in the nation among prep competitors in 2010 at the time of her selection. Todd won the 100-meter dash and the triple jump as a freshman at the 2009 state meet.

Todd has maintained a 3.00 unweighted GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, in association with the Rotary International chapter and as a youth athletics instructor with the parks and recreation department.

"I think her overall commitment to improvement stands out," said Chandler head coach Eric Richardson. "She's dedicated herself in the weight room, paid her dividends and improved. She is extremely talented, and extremely competitive as well. She wants to win every rep in practice, which has made her a great student of the sport. She's extremely knowledgeable of technique. It's easy to coach a kid like that."

Todd 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.

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