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**THE PEMBROKE HILL SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MISSOURI 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 Tiffani McReynolds of The Pembroke Hill School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Missouri Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. McReynolds is the first Gatorade Missouri Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from The Pembroke Hill 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 McReynolds as Missouri'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, McReynolds 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 5-foot-1 senior sprinter and hurdler won the 100-meter dash, the 100-meter high hurdles, the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and also anchored the winning 4x100-meter relay quartet at the Class 3 state meet this spring, leading the Raiders to second place as a team. A four-time First Team All-State selection, McReynolds became the first ever Missouri female athlete from Class 2 through 4 to win four consecutive state titles in the 100 hurdles. Her time in the event set a new state record (13.92 seconds), which ranked as the nation's No. 15 time among prep competitors at the time of her selection. McReynolds is also the first female hurdler from Missouri to ever break 14 seconds in the 100 hurdles.

McReynolds has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a youth mentor for underprivileged children and at an area homeless shelter.

"Even with her level of ability and the amount of success she's had, you can tell that Tiffani McReynolds still enjoys what she does," said Pembroke Hill School head coach David Schroeder. "She still has a childlike passion for the sport that I think really works to her advantage."

McReynolds has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Baylor University 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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