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**SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 Kellie Schueler of Summit High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Oregon Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Schueler is the first Gatorade Oregon Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Summit 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 Schueler as Oregon'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, Schueler 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 state's two-time returning Gatorade Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year, Schueler swept the 100- and 200-meter dash along with the 400-meter run, and anchored the winning 4x400-meter relay at the Class 5A state meet this spring, leading the Storm to the team title as well. The 5-foot-4 senior won each of those events in four consecutive seasons. Schueler captured the 100 with a time of 12.25 seconds, the 200 in 24.86 and the 400 in 55.17.

Schueler has maintained an unweighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A peer tutor in her school, she has volunteered locally on behalf of environmental awareness initiatives. She has also served as president of her area's Sparrow Club, which supports chronically and terminally ill children.

"Kellie leads her team with class and integrity and she will be sorely missed," said Summit head coach Dave Turnbull. "She's an exceptional athlete and an incredible person."

Schueler has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Stanford 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.

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.

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