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**PUNAHOU SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® HAWAII BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (May 10, 2011) — In its 26<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced **Scott Granger of Punahou School** as its **2010-11 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Granger is the fourth Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Punahou 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 field, distinguishes Granger as Hawaii's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Granger joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Tony Meola (1986-87, Kearney HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-7, 135-pound senior midfielder led the Buff n' Blu to an 11-2-1 record and the Division I state title this past season. Granger scored eight goals and passed for eight assists as a central midfielder. The *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* State Player of the Year, Granger was also the Interscholastic League of Hawaii Offensive Player of the Year. He concluded his prep soccer career with 11 goals and 19 assists.

Granger has maintained a 3.54 GPA in the classroom. A ukulele and guitar player, he has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and as a member of Punahou's Super Fan Club, promoting school spirit.

"Not only for his high school team but also for his club team, Scott Granger was the catalyst," said Phil Neddo, the Director of Coaching for the Honolulu Bulls club team. "He's a great playmaker. I would say of his skills on the ball that he's the best in the state. He's just a very talented player with the ball at his feet."

Granger will be attending Creighton 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.

Granger joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Players of the Year Cody Sullivan (2009-10, Mid-Pacific Institute), Nick Goo (2008-09, Iolani School), and Zane Dydasco (2007-08, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama) among the state's list of former award winners.

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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