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**MARET SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 9, 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 Caroline Sealander of Maret School as its 2010-11 Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Player of the Year. Sealander is the first Gatorade Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Maret 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 Sealander as District of Columbia's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Sealander joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, 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.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-11 senior right-handed pitcher finished 9-3 on the mound with a 0.23 ERA and 155 strikeouts in 74 innings this past season, leading the Frogs (9-3) to the Independent School League AA Division semifinals. The District's returning Gatorade Softball Player of the Year, she hurled five shutouts and four no-hitters en route to recording a 0.47 WHIP and a 7.4-to-1 strikeout to walk ratio. Opposing batters hit 0.86 against her in 2011. A four-time All-ISL AA Division selection, Sealander also batted .605 along with 18 RBI, 16 runs scored, four doubles, two triples and two home runs, producing a 1.000 slugging percentage and .660 on-base percentage. A returning Honorable Mention All-Met selection as named by The Washington Post, she finished 13-2 on the mound as a junior with a 0.20 ERA and 243 strikeouts against just 14 walks in 104 innings as a junior, leading the Frogs to the ISL AA Division championship game. She batted .650 during the 2010 campaign along with 22 RBI, 17 runs scored and four home runs.

Also an accomplished flutist, Sealander has maintained a 3.55 GPA in the classroom, including a 3.7 core academic GPA as an upperclassman. She has volunteered locally as a youth softball instructor and participated in the school musical as a member of the pit orchestra.

"We saw Caroline Sealander twice, and she was dominant both times," said Josh Markey, head coach of rival Sidwell Friends School. "Caroline single-handedly dominated. In our last game against Maret, we scraped together some hits and manufactured some runs, and she still struck out 18 of 21 batters, scored the tying run and sparked a rally to beat us. She had on all-around impact at the plate and on the mound."

Sealander has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at Amherst College 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.

Two-time winner Sealander joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Softball Players of the Year Christina Clark (2008-09, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School) and two-time winner Alie Kolbe (2006-07 & 2007-08, National Cathedral School), 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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