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**CARL ALBERT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 9, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Whitney Robinson of Carl Albert High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Player of the Year. Robinson is the first Gatorade Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Carl Albert 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 field, distinguishes Robinson as Oklahoma's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Robinson 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-7 senior centerfielder led the Titans (36-4) to the Class 5A state championship this past season. Robinson batted .583 along with 63 runs scored, 40 RBI, 27 stolen bases, 23 walks, seven doubles and five triples. A Ferguson Jenkins Award recipient as named by the Oklahoma Coaches Association, she compiled a .740 slugging percentage and .654 on-base percentage. Also a right-handed pitcher, Robinson finished 22-1 on the mound with one save and a 2.22 ERA in 2011. The Oklahoman Big All-City Player of the Year and a Large West All-State selection as named by the Oklahoma Fast Pitch Softball Coaches Association, she recorded 68 strikeouts in 127 innings, recording four shutouts and a no-hitter.

Also a basketball standout, Robinson has maintained a 3.85 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has donated her time as a youth softball and basketball instructor.

"Whitney Robinson is an outstanding competitor and individual," said Carl Albert High Head Coach Colin White. "She carried our team in the state tournament this year. If we do not have Whitney on our team, we do not win the championship this year. Whitney is very coachable and an excellent team leader."

Robinson has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at Seminole State College of Florida 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.

Robinson joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Softball Players of the Year Ashley Paxton (2009-10, Mustang), Chelsea Lyon (2008-09, Broken Arrow Senior) and Kasha Kolb (2007-08, Chelsea), among the state's list of former award winners.

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