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**GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE COLORADO GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 21, 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 Dior Hall of George Washington High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Colorado Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Hall is the fourth Gatorade Colorado Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from George Washington 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 Hall as Colorado'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, Hall 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, Ia.) and Bianca Knight (2006-07, Ridgeland HS, Miss.).

The 5-foot-5 freshman won the 100-meter hurdles with a national freshman record time of 13.18 seconds at the Great Southwest Classic this spring. A Class 5A First Team All-State selection as named by Colorado Track XC, Hall's 100-meter hurdles clocking ranked as the nation's No. 1 performance among high school competitors in 2011 and as the third-fastest time in prep history at the time of her selection. She also won the 100-meter hurdles in 13.84 seconds and captured third place in the 200-meter dash in 24.50 at the Class 5A state meet this season, leading the Patriots to fifth place as a team.

Hall has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom at the Denver School of Science and Technology, where she attends high school and which does not offer a track program. Honored by Rocky Mountain Service Employment Redevelopment as this year's Junior Community Service Volunteer Award winner, she has donated her time as a summer camp counselor and as part of a holiday gift-giving campaign on behalf of the RMSER Youth & Community Service Division.

"She's a marvelous athlete," said George Washington High Head Coach Chuck Dugue. "I knew she was capable of great things all along. It was just a matter of putting it all together. Her mother was the first recipient of the Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year honor, so we knew how awesome an athlete she is. She and classmate Chyna Ries have really helped our program, and they're showing how it's done. Getting that much attention with two freshmen has been off the charts."

Hall will begin her sophomore year of high school 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.

Hall joins recent Gatorade Colorado Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Eleanor Fulton (2009-10, Highlands Ranch), LaTraia Scott (2008-09, Coronado), and Emily Blok (2007-08, Conifer) 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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