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SEABURY HALL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE HAWAII GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 21, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Kailea Tracy-Visintainer of Seabury Hall as its 2010-11 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Tracy-Visintainer is the second Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Seabury Hall.

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 Tracy-Visintainer as Hawaii'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, Tracy-Visintainer 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-10 senior won the 200-meter dash with a meet-record time of 24.96 seconds and the 400-meter dash in 57.05 at the state meet this spring, leading the Spartans to second place as a team. A Hall of Honor inductee as named by the Hawaii High School Athletic Association, Tracy-Visintainer also anchored the winning 4x400-meter relay quartet that finished in 4:00.32. Her 400-meter dash time of 56.34 seconds at the Mount SAC Relays in California ranked as the Northwest's No. 5 performance among prep competitors in 2011 at the time of her selection. She also won the 200- and 400-meter dashes at the 2008 state meet as a freshman.

Also a swimming and cross country standout, Tracy-Visintainer has maintained a 3.91 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has served in her school's student government and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade Award's broad criteria. In addition to donating her time locally to multiple road races and as a youth track and field instructor, she has volunteered on behalf of the Hawaiian Rainforest reforestation efforts, a non-profit environmental organization called the Surfrider Foundation and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

"Kailea brought senior leadership to our team," said Seabury Hall Head Coach Bobby Grossman. "We're a small school, and we almost won the state title as a team. She did her part, and she worked hard. She was my team captain, and she was a presence out there. People listened to her, and she led by example. She had a great year."

Tracy-Visintainer has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Stanford University this

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.

Tracy-Visintainer joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Ashley Satterwhite (2009-10, Punahou School), Bailey Massenburg (2008-09, King Kekaulike), and Zhane Santiago (2007-08, Kahuku) among the state's list of former award winners.

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