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**REED HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE NEVADA 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 Gabby Williams of Reed High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Nevada Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Williams is the fourth Gatorade Nevada Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Reed 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 Williams as Nevada'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, Williams 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-9 freshman won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, six inches at the Class 4A state meet this spring to lead the Raiders to fourth place as a team. The Northern 4A All-Region Athlete of the Year, Williams also captured second place in the 100-meter hurdles at the state meet with a time of 14.55 seconds and finished third in the 300-meter hurdles in 44.10, recording top-15 times in both events among Southwest competitors this season. She ran the second leg of the second-place 4x400-meter relay that finished in 3:54.17. Williams' high jump clearance of 5 feet, eight inches at the Sacramento Meet of Champions in California ranked as the nation's No. 36 performance among prep competitors in 2011 at the time of her selection.

Also a basketball standout, Williams has maintained a 3.72 weighted GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade Award's broad criteria. In addition to donating her time as a youth basketball instructor, she has volunteered as a Christian summer camp counselor and on behalf of a holiday gift-giving campaign.

"What sets her apart from the rest of her competition is her dedication, work ethic and her love for competition," said Reed High head coach Dale Moss. "She is always constantly working on her skills, especially her weaknesses. When she is asked by her coaches to do something, even when it's harder or above her current abilities, she says, 'I can do that.' When she works out with or competes against her teammates, she brings them along, and they step up as well."

Williams 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.

Williams joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Karli Johonnot (2009-10, Centennial), Michaelanne Laurent (2008-09, Coronado), and Kayla Sanchez (2007-08, Carson) among the state's list of former award winners.

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