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**GLACIER PEAK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 Amy-Eloise Neale of Glacier Peak High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Washington Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Neale is the first Gatorade Washington Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Glacier Peak 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 Neale as Washington'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, Neale 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.).

A two-time Gatorade Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year, the 5-foot-10 sophomore won the 1600-meter run and the 3200 at the Class 3A state meet this spring. A six-time state champion, Neale captured the 1600 with a time of 4:46.56. Her time of 10:12.33 in the 3200 ranked as the nation's No. 3 time among prep competitors in 2011 at the time of her selection. The 2011 *Seattle Times* Female Athlete of the Year, who finished third at the 2010 Nike Cross Nationals Final in December, Neale also ranked among the nation's top 10 in the 1,500 meters, the 1600 meters, the mile run and the 2,000-meter steeplechase this spring. Neale placed second in the 2000-meter steeplechase at this month's New Balance Nationals.

Neale has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A pianist and flutist, she has volunteered locally as a member of her Girl Scouts troop and on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of America.

"Amy-Eloise likes to do everything as well as she can—she's a perfectionist that way," said Frank Dauncey, Neale's coach with the Snohomish Track Club. "First and foremost she likes to win, and she's willing to do all the hard work that gets her there."

Neale will begin her junior 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.

Neale joins recent Gatorade Washington Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Maddie Meyers (2009-10, The Northwest School), Andrea Geubelle (2008-09, Curtis Senior), and Courtney Kirkwood (2007-08, Othello) among the state's list of former award winners.

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