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**BRADLEY TECH. STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 Dezerea Bryant of Bradley Tech. as its 2010-11 Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Bryant is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Bradley Tech..

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 Bryant as Wisconsin'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, Bryant 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-2 senior sprinter broke the state record in both the 100- and 200-meter dash, leading the Trojans to the Division I state championship as a team. The 2009-10 Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year, Bryant also anchored the state title-winning 4x100-meter relay quartet in 46.02 seconds, also a new state record. Her championship-winning times in both the 100 (11.38) and the 200 (23.01) each ranked as the nation's the No. 2 marks among prep competitors in 2011 at the time of her selection.

Bryant has maintained a 3.15 GPA in the classroom. A devoted parishioner in her church community, she has served as an elected member of her school's student government.

"Dezerea Bryant is the example that we will use for many years to come with our athletes," said Jamison Holum, head coach of rival Husdon High. "Not only was she by far the most impressive runner that I've ever seen at this level, she was also one of the most cordial and honest people that I've had the chance to talk with."

Bryant has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Clemson University 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.

Bryant joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Brea Tinney (2008-09, Osceola) and Megan Rennhack (2007-08, Dodgeland) among the state's list of former award winners.

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