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**WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MISSOURI BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Daniel Everett of Westminster Christian Academy as its 2010-11 Gatorade Missouri Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Everett is the first Gatorade Missouri Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Westminster Christian Academy.

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 Everett as Missouri's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Everett joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

The 5-foot-10 senior distance runner won the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:08.43, took second in the 800-meter run in 1:54.62 and finished third in the 3200-meter run in 9:23.70 at the Class 3 state meet this spring, leading the Wildcats to a third-place finish as a team. Everett also captured first-place at both the Kansas Relays in the 1600 (4:12.58) and the Festival of Miles with a time of 4:07.68, which ranked as the nation's the No. 12 clocking by a prep competitor in 2011 at the time of his selection.

Everett has maintained a 3.89 GPA in the classroom. A devoted parishioner of his church community, he has volunteered locally in association with multiple community-service initiatives on behalf of the National Honor Society.

"Daniel Everett is a true student of the sport of track and field," said Jim Lohr, head coach of rival Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School. "He knows all of the great distance runners and he has pushed himself to become a great distance runner himself. He has been responsible for a certain intensity in our workouts as our athletes try to raise their game up his level."

Everett will attend Columbia University this fall, where he will compete in track and field.

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.

Everett joins recent Gatorade Missouri Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Dorial Green (2009-10, Hillcrest), Nick Happe (2008-09, Francis Howell North), and Maurice Mitchell (2007-08, Raytown South) among the state's list of former award winners.

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