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**FRIENDSHIP COLLEGIATE ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DOC FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 1, 2011) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Albert Reid of Friendship Collegiate Academy as its 2011-12 Gatorade DoC Football Player of the Year. Reid is the first Gatorade DoC Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Friendship Collegiate 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 field, distinguishes Reid as DoC's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Reid joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Wes Welker (1999-00, Heritage Hall HS, Okla.), Terrell Suggs (1999-00, Hamilton HS, Ariz.), Anquan Boldin (1998-99, Pahokee HS, Fla.) and Jerome Bettis (1989-90, Mackenzie HS, Mich.).

The 5-foot-11, 195-pound senior running back rushed for 1,705 yards and 17 touchdowns on 225 carries this past season, leading the Knights to a 9-1 season. Reid ran for more than 100 yards in every game and three times topped 200 yards.

Reid has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth mentor.

"Reid is a fantastic football player," said Georgetown Prep head coach Dan Paro. "He's very explosive, very elusive. Even when we thought we had him cornered, we weren't able to bring him down."

Reid has verbally committed to play football on an athletic scholarship at West Virginia University beginning in the fall of 2012.

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 ESPNHS 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.

Reid joins recent Gatorade DoC Football Players of the Year Kevin Hogan (2010-11, Gonzaga College High School) Ricardo Young (2009-10, HD Woodson), Darin Drakeford (2008-09, Roosevelt High School) and Antwon Bailey (2007-08, St. John's College) among the state's list of former award winners.

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