

**Contact: Adam Woullard (312-729-3627)**

**BRONXVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE NEW YORK GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 2012) — In its 27<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Mary Cain of Bronxville High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade New York Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Cain is the first Gatorade New York Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Bronxville 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 Cain as New York'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, Cain 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-4 sophomore captured the state championship in the 1,500-meter run this spring with a time of 4:19.78. Cain also clocked the second-fastest time in U.S. prep history (4:14.74) while winning the 1,500 at this month's USA Track and Field Junior Outdoor Championships, and finished first in the mile at the Penn Relays in 4:39.28, which ranked as the nation's No. 1 time among prep competitors in 2012 at the time of her selection. Her season-best time of 2:03.34 in the 800-meter run ranked as the second-fastest time in the nation this spring.

Cain has maintained a 4.10 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf the Westchester Shore Humane Society and youth track programs.

"Mary is the perfect type of athlete to coach," said Bronxville coach Ed Stickles. "She listens to everything we have to say about her training and doesn't second guess us on any of the workouts. She sacrifices many social activities that occur normally in the life of a high school student to train hard and go home to finish her studies."

Cain 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 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.

Cain joins recent Gatorade New York Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Aisling Cuffe (2010-11, Cornwall Central High School), Melissa Kurzdorfer (2009-10, Lancaster), Shelby Greany (2008-09, Suffern), and Charlene Lipsey (2007-08, Hempstead) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners, and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

###