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**MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE UTAH GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 2012) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Ashleigh Warner of Mountain View High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Warner is the first Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Mountain View 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 Warner as Utah'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, Warner 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-6 senior won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:12.31 and the 1,600-meter run in 4:50.98 at the Class 4A state championship meet this spring, leading the Bruins to a third-place finish as a team. At the BYU Invitational, Warner won the 1600 in a state-record time of 4:50.13, which ranked No. 27 in the nation among prep competitors in 2012 at the time of her selection. She also ranked No. 16 in the mile and No. 37 in the 1,500.

Warner has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered at an orphanage and a children's hospital in Mexico in addition to donating her time locally as a math tutor and as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with her church youth group.

"Ashleigh Warner's season was one that was nothing short of record-setting," said Darrell Wyatt, head coach of rival Maple Mountain High. "To be the state champion in the 1600 and 800 and then to anchor the medley relay team to a state title was impressive."

Warner has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Brigham Young University beginning 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.

Warner joins recent Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Lauren Baxter (2010-11, Timpview High School), Kylie Hirschi (2009-10, Brighton), Tiffany Hellstrom (2008-09, Bonneville), and Natalie Stewart (2007-08, Spanish Fork) among the state's list of former award winners.

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