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**COSBY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE VIRGINIA 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 Megan Moyer of Cosby High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Virginia Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Moyer is the first Gatorade Virginia Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Cosby 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 Moyer as Virginia'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, Moyer 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-7 senior won the 800-meter run and the 1,600-meter run at the Group AAA state meet this spring, leading the Titans to a second-place finish as a team. Moyer also ran the anchor leg for Cosby's 1,600-meter sprint medley team that finished first at this month's New Balance Outdoor Nationals with a time of 3:55.17. Among prep competitors in 2012 at the time of her selection, Moyer was ranked No. 7 nationally in the 1,600, No. 10 in the 800 and No. 13 in the 3,200. She is the only female runner in the country to rank in the top 30 in all three events.

Moyer has maintained a weighted 4.69 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Arts Honor Society, she has volunteered locally in neighborhood-beautification projects and as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with her church youth group.

"Megan Moyer is without a doubt the best female distance runner in the state of Virginia the past four years," said Stan Morgan, head coach of rival Midlothian High. "She has great range. She is an outstanding student, an outstanding athlete, but most of all she is an outstanding person."

Moyer has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at North Carolina State 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.

Moyer joins recent Gatorade Virginia Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Desmonae Gray (2010-11, Western Branch High School), Kathleen Stevens (2009-10, Blacksburg), Marlena Wesh (2008-09, Landstown), and Natalie Baird (2007-08, Park View) 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).

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