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**HIDDEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE OREGON BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 21, 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 Jefferson Jarvis of Hidden Valley High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Jarvis is the first Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Hidden Valley 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 Jarvis as Oregon'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, Jarvis 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 6-foot-2 senior won the Class 4A state championships in the discus and shot put this spring, launching the discus 191 feet, 1 inch and hurling the shot 61 feet, 2.25 inches. Jarvis also won both the shot and the discus at the Golden West Invitational, and his season-best shot put of 61 feet, 3.25 inches ranked as the nation's No. 12 mark among prep competitors in 2012 at the time of his selection.

Jarvis has maintained an A average in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community and a talented musician, he has participated in numerous community service initiatives as an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

"Jefferson has a deep love for the sport and a desire to become the best," said Hidden Valley High coach Josh Standley. "He trains all seasons for the shot put and the discus, and he has a tremendous work ethic and drive."

Jarvis has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Brigham Young University after he completes a two-year religious mission.

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.

Jarvis joins recent Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Ryan Crouser (2010-11, Sam Barlow High School), Sam Crouser (2009-10, Gresham), Elijah Greer (2008-09, Lake Oswego), and Nathan Mathabane (2007-08, Lincoln) 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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