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**WOODGROVE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE VIRGINIA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 21, 2013) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Brittany Basinger of Woodgrove High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Virginia Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Basinger is the first Gatorade Virginia Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Woodgrove 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 field, distinguishes Basinger as Virginia's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Basinger joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-7 senior midfielder and forward has led the Wolverines to a 12-4-1 record and a berth in the Dulles District Tournament semifinals against Tuscarora High, scheduled for May 21. Basinger scored 15 goals and passed for six assists in 17 games despite missing two games in April to attend a training camp with the U.S. Soccer Under-20 Women's National Team. A 2012 Youth All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, she was a member of the U-17 Women's National Team at the FIFA U-17 World Cup in Azerbaijan last fall.

Basinger has maintained a 3.86 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Woodgrove High yearbook staff, she has volunteered locally at sports clinics for disabled children and as a babysitter at her church.

"Brittany Basinger is a beast and I hate to go up against her as a coach," said Gabriel Ascunce, head coach of Heritage High. "She is intense, fast, physical and great with the ball. She has such composure that allows her to finish and score goals."

Basinger has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Penn State University 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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Basinger joins recent Gatorade Virginia Girls Soccer Players of the Year Anna McClung (2011-12 & 2010 - 11, Gate City High School), Jenna Richmond (2009-10 & 2008-09, Centreville), Brook Chang (2007-08, Bishop O'Connell), and Liz Carroll (2006-2007, Bishop O'Connell) among the state's list of former award winners.

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