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**LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® RHODE ISLAND SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 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 Lindsay Mayer of Lincoln High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Rhode Island Softball Player of the Year. Mayer is the first Gatorade Rhode Island Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Lincoln 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 Mayer as Rhode Island's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Mayer joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, 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.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The returning Gatorade State Player of the Year, the 5-foot-4 senior right-handed pitcher and shortstop led the Lions to an 18-0 record and a berth in the Division I state tournament winner's bracket semifinals against Toll Gate High, scheduled for June 4. At the time of her selection, Mayer owned a 15-0 record and a 0.82 ERA with 150 strikeouts in 103 innings pitched. At the plate, the unanimous Division I Player of the Year was batting .508 with three home runs, 16 runs scored, 27 RBI and an .810 slugging percentage.

Mayer has maintained a 3.79 GPA in the classroom. An experienced pianist, she has volunteered locally as part of a fundraising campaign to benefit cancer research and as a youth softball coach and mentor.

"Lindsay Mayer is the best player in the state," said Paul Kennedy, head coach of Warwick Vets High. "She's such a great pitcher but she is also a very, very good shortstop and she's an incredibly talented hitter."

Mayer has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Virginia 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.

Mayer joins Gatorade Rhode Island Softball Players of the Year Alyssa McCoart (2010-11, Lincoln High School), Elise Fortier (2009-10, Coventry), Fallon Scorpio (2008-09, St. Mary Academy-Bay View) and Steph Morse (2007-08 & 2006-07, Warwick Veterans) among the state's list of former award winners.

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