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**PEARLAND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® TEXAS SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2013) — In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Samantha Show of Pearland High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Texas Softball Player of the Year. Show is the first Gatorade Texas Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Pearland 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 Show as Texas' best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Show 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 6-foot-1 sophomore right-handed pitcher posted a 36-4 record in the circle along with a 0.65 ERA this past season, leading the Oilers (36-4) to the Class 5A, Region 3 quarterfinals. Show struck out 357 batters and allowed just 47 hits and 61 walks in 183 innings pitched. At the plate, the District 22-5A MVP batted .447 with nine home runs, 16 doubles, 68 RBI and an .877 slugging percentage.

Show has maintained a 3.38 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and as a youth softball coach.

"Samantha is an intimidating presence who throws the ball hard and has a good riseball," said Christa Williams, head coach of Manvel High. "She has the ability to put a team on her back and run with it."

Show has made a verbal commitment to play softball on an athletic scholarship at Texas A&M University beginning in the fall of 2015.

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.

Show joins recent Gatorade Texas Softball Players of the Year Heather Stearns (2011-12, Hebron High School), Paige McDuffee (2010-11, The Woodlands High School), Rachel Fox (2009-10 & 2008-09, Fort Bend Baptist Academy), Whitney Canion (2007-08, Aledo), and Brittany Barnhill (2006 - 07, Northwest) 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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