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**BATON ROUGE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE LOUISIANA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 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 Mikiah Brisco of Baton Rouge Magnet High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Louisiana Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Brisco is the first Gatorade Louisiana Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Baton Rouge Magnet 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 Brisco as Louisiana'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, Brisco 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-5 junior won three individual Class 5A state titles this spring and led the Bulldogs to the state championship as a team. Brisco won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.55 seconds, the 200-meter dash in 23.85 and captured the 100-meter high hurdles in a Class 5A-record time of 13.87. She also anchored the 4x100-meter relay team to victory in 47.35 seconds and was named MVP of the Class 5A meet.

Brisco has maintained a 3.66 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has volunteered locally feeding the homeless.

"She's very, very competitive and gives her all, all the time," said Baton Rouge Magnet head coach Zach Winfield. "She's a very humble kid, but she's such a fighter. You know if a race is close, she's going to get it done."

Brisco will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Brisco joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Marcquita Stalbert (2011-12, McDonogh 35 College Preparatory High School), Morgann LeLeux (2010-11, Catholic High School), Merritt Van Meter (2009-10, Metairie Park Country Day School), Kim Francis (2008-09, Nortide), and Rachel Laurent (2007-08 & 2006-2007, Vanderbilt Catholic), among the state's list of former award winners.

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