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**SKY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE UTAH 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 Brenna Porter of Sky View High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Porter is the first Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Sky View 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 Porter as Utah'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, Porter 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-9 senior won two individual state championships at the Class 4A state meet this spring and led the Bobcats to a fifth-place finish as a team. Porter won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.51 seconds and the 300-meter hurdles in 42.02. She also placed second in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 2 inches and third in the 200-meter dash in 24.71. Porter holds the state record in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41.54, which ranked as the nation's No. 4 performance among prep competitors in 2013 at the time of her selection. She also ranked No. 35 nationally in the long jump (19-0) and No. 77 in the 100 hurdles (14.37).

Porter has maintained a 3.96 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as the co-chairman for the Youth Committee for World Joy, raising money to build a health care facility as well as fund library acquisitions in Ghana.

"Brenna Porter shattered Utah's all-time best mark in the 300 hurdles and is No. 2 all-time in the long jump," said Roger Buhrlay, head coach of Syracuse High. "I have always noticed that Brenna seems to fill any role asked of her to help the team. That's a great quality for such a talented athlete."

Porter has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on an athletic scholarship at Brigham Young University beginning 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.

Porter joins recent Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Ashleigh Warner (2011-12, Mountain View High School), Lauren Baxter (2010-11, Timpview High School), Kylie Hirschi (2009-10, Brighton), Tiffany Hellstrom (2008-09, Bonneville), Natalie Stewart (2007-08, Spanish Fork), and Nachele Stewart (2006-2007, Spanish Fork) among the state's list of former award winners.

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