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**SOUTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE VIRGINIA 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 Felecia Majors of South County High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Virginia Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Majors is the first Gatorade Virginia Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from South County 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 Majors as Virginia'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, Majors 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-7 senior won the 400-meter dash at the Group AAA state meet this spring and led the Stallions to the state title. Majors competed in seven individual events at the state meet and placed in the top four in six of them, including her win in the 400 with a time of 53.65 seconds, which ranked as the nation's No. 6 performance among prep competitors in 2013 at the time of her selection. Majors placed second in the 200-meter dash, the pole vault and the long jump, third in the triple jump, fourth in the 100-meter dash and ninth in the high jump. She is also ranked in the top 100 nationally in the pole vault and high jump this spring.

Majors has maintained a 3.21 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally mentoring students with special needs in association with her school's Partners Club, and as an elementary school coach.

"The obvious part of what makes Felecia great is her versatility," said Chris Pelligrini, head coach of West Springfield High. "She has been able to effectively score in seven events at the state level which is unheard of."

Majors has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on an athletic scholarship at the University of Tennessee 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.

Majors joins recent Gatorade Virginia Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Megan Moyer (2011-12, Cosby High School), Desmonae Gray (2010-11, Western Branch High School), Kathleen Stevens (2009-10, Blacksburg), Marlana Wesh (2008-09, Landstown), Natalie Baird (2007-08, Park View) and Catherine White (2006-2007, NorthHigh School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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