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**H.P. BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 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 Keelan Ewaliko of H.P. Baldwin High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Ewaliko is the first Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from H.P. Baldwin 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 Ewaliko as Hawaii's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Ewaliko joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

The 5-foot-11 senior won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.05 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 22.16 at the state meet this past season, leading the Bears to a second consecutive team title. A Hawaii High School Athletic Association Hall of Honor inductee, Ewaliko also anchored the Baldwin 4x100-meter relay quartet that broke the tape in 42.58. He won the 200 and anchored the winning 4x100-meter relay squad as a junior at the 2012 state meet.

Also a football standout, Ewaliko has maintained a 3.17 GPA in the classroom. In addition to competing in Maui's local rodeo circuit, he has donated his time locally as part of community cleanup efforts and on behalf of the American Heart Association's Heart Walk.

"The kid's a stud," said Bob Martin, head coach of rival Ka'u High. "He's a big boy. He commandingly won the 100, 200 and 4x100, and his team won the title by a half-point. It was exciting. He was definitely the Athlete of the Year at the championship meet, and he helped Baldwin become the first outer-island team I can remember to win back-to-back state titles."

Ewaliko has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on a football scholarship at the University of Hawaii 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.

Ewaliko joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Shane Brostek (2011-12, Hawaii Preparatory Academy), Pierce Murphy (2010-11, Island School), Jacob Edwards (2009-10 & 2008-09, Ka'u), Javen Correia (2007-08, Maryknoll School), and Keoni Ucker (2006-2007, Christian Liberty Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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