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**JOHN CURTIS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE LOUISIANA 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 Dylan Duvio of John Curtis Christian School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Louisiana Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Duvio is the first Gatorade Louisiana Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from John Curtis Christian 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 Duvio as Louisiana'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, Duvio 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 6-foot-2 senior soared 16 feet, 8 inches to win the pole vault at the Class 2A state meet this spring, leading the Patriots to the state championship as a team. A three-time New Balance All-American, Duvio also won the pole vault at the Penn Relays and the Stanford Invitational. His season-best effort of 17-3.5 set a state record and ranked as the nation's No. 2 performance among prep competitors in 2013 at the time of his selection.

Duvio has maintained a 3.87 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally making goodwill visits to a retirement home, coaching youth track athletes and assisting in hurricane relief efforts.

"Dylan has always worked super hard, on and off the track," said John Curtis head coach Preston Curtis. "He motivates others, and he always helps athletes from other schools, trying to help them jump higher."

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

Duvio joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Kavahra Holmes (2011-12 & 2010-11, Breaux Bridge High School), Andreas Duplantis (2009-10, Lafayette), Richard Sheldon (2008-09, Episcopal), Barrett Nugent (2007-08, North Vermillion), and Zedric Thomas (2006-2007, New Iberia) among the state's list of former award winners.

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