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**OREGON CITY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 Beau Brosseau of Oregon City High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Brosseau is the first Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Oregon City 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 Brosseau as Oregon'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, Brosseau 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, 250-pound senior won the Class 6A state championships in the javelin throw and the shot put this spring, launching the javelin 206 feet and hurling the shot 55-4. Brosseau also took third in the discus throw, leading the Pioneers to a fourth-place finish as a team. His title-winning throw in the javelin was ranked as the nation's No. 6 performance among prep competitors in 2013 at the time of his selection.

Brosseau has maintained a 3.79 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of a leadership program for elementary and middle school students.

"Beau is an inspiring combination of natural ability and hard work that comes along very rarely," said Oregon City head coach Adam Thygeson. "He's dedicated himself fully to his sport and he's one of the hardest working athletes I've ever met."

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

Brosseau joins recent Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Jefferson Jarvis (2011-12, Hidden Valley High School), Ryan Crouser (2010-11, Sam Barlow High School), Sam Crouser (2009-10, Gresham), Elijah Greer (2008-09, Lake Oswego), Nathan Mathabane (2007-08, Lincoln), and Darius Buckner (2006-2007, Liberty) among the state's list of former award winners.

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