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**ELIZABETH SETON HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MARYLAND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 2014) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Javonne Antoine of Elizabeth Seton High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Maryland Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Antoine is the first Gatorade Maryland Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Elizabeth Seton 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 Antoine as Maryland'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, Antoine 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 the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 2.5 inches and the triple jump with a meet-record effort of 39 feet, 9 inches at the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championships this season, leading the Roadrunners to an eighth consecutive team title. An indoor and outdoor First Team All-Met selection as named by The Washington Post, Antoine's high jump of 5-2 captured silver. Her triple jump of 40-10 at the Taco Bell Classic ranked as the nation's No. 9 performance among prep competitors in 2014 at the time of her selection.

Antoine has maintained a B average in the classroom. In addition to donating her time as a youth track instructor, she has volunteered on behalf of her church's youth ministry.

"Javonne's hard work and dedication set a great example for our young student athletes here at Seton," said Elizabeth Seton athletic director Candace Cage. "She is an outstanding leader and plays a tremendous role in the overall success of our program."

Antoine has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at North Carolina State 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.

Antoine joins recent Gatorade Maryland Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Ellie Gonzalez (2012-13, The Catholic High School of Baltimore), Mobolaji Adekun (2011-12, DuVal High School), Olivia Ekpone (2010 - 11 & 2009-10, Northwest High School), Lorraine Graham (2008-09, Charles Herbert Flowers), Olivia Ekpone (2007-08, Wootton), and Tasha Stanley (2006-2007, Eleanor Roosevelt) among the state's list of former award winners.

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