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**COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Hannah Parker of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy as its 2013-14 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Parker is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Coe-Brown Northwood Academy.

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 Parker as New Hampshire'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, Parker 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 returning Gatorade State Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year, the 5-foot-9 junior won two individual state championships this spring and led the Black Bears to a second straight Division II state title as a team. Parker won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:11.37 and the 1600-meter run in a meet-record time of 4:55.05. She also ran a leg on Coe-Brown's winning 4x800-meter relay team and its runner-up 4x400-meter relay team. Parker's season-best time of 2:06.85 in the 800 at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals ranked as the nation's No. 9 performance among prep competitors in 2014 at the time of her selection.

Parker has maintained a B average in the classroom. A member of her school's student council, she has volunteered locally at the Nottingham Recreation Center, as an elementary school mentor and as a youth track coach.

"Hannah Parker is gifted obviously, and she will do anything it takes to help her team," said Mike Lyford, assistant coach of Portsmouth High. "She routinely does multiple events at big meets and puts the team ahead of her individual goals. She is nationally ranked in the 800 and is extremely humble."

Parker will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Two-time winner Parker joins Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Hillary Holmes (2011-12, Exeter High School), Krista Vincent (2010 - 11, Somersworth High School), Arianna Vailas (2009-10, Central), Jocelyn Briggs (2008-09, Winnacunnet), Anna Cioffredi (2007-08, Lebanon), and Kelsey Huckins (2006-2007, Keene) among the state's list of former award winners.

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