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**MEMPHIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 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 Harrison Williams of Memphis University School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Williams is the first Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Memphis University 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 Williams as Tennessee'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, Williams 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-4, 175-pound senior won five individual state championships at the Division II state meet this spring and led the Owls to a state title as a team. Williams won the 110-meter hurdles, the 300-meter hurdles, the high jump, the pole vault and the decathlon. His gold medal-winning time of 36.40 seconds in the 300 hurdles ranked as the nation's No. 7 performance among prep competitors in 2014 at the time of his selection. The state record-holder in the decathlon, pole vault and 300 hurdles, Williams won the decathlon at the Arcadia Invitational in California with a score of 7,525, which ranks as the No. 3 performance in history among U.S. prep competitors. He also ran a leg for the Owls' 4x400-meter relay quartet, which set a state record in the event this season.

Williams has maintained a weighted 4.64 GPA in the classroom. A member of the chemistry and history clubs at his school and a National Merit Scholar finalist, he has volunteered locally with a school food drive to benefit the needy and as a peer tutor. He also donated his time assisting victims of this year's tornado in Alabama.

"Harrison Williams is a truly great competitor," said Ron Seigenthaler, head coach Brentwood High. "He is very skilled as a multi-event track and field athlete."

Williams 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.

Williams joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Brock Baker (2012-13 & 2011-12, Oakland High School), Tyler Anderson (2010 - 11, Hillsboro High School), Kevin Lazas (2009-10, Brentwood), Jordan Chaney (2008-09, Maryville), Sean Keveren (2007-08, Brentwood), and Ben Davis (2006-2007, Brentwood) among the state's list of former award winners.

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