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WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 17, 2015) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Cami Davre of Whitefish Bay High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Davre is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Whitefish Bay 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 Davre as Wisconsin'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, Davre 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-6 sophomore middle distance runner broke a 30-year-old state record in the 800-meter run and led the Blue Dukes to the Division 1 state title as a team this spring. Davre clocked a 2:09.22 in the 800, eclipsing the previous mark of 2:09.88 set by former U.S. Olympian Suzy Favor in 1985. A First Team All-State selection, she also broke the tape in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:56.12, and anchored the winning 4x800-meter quartet to a 9:14.12.

Davre has maintained a 3.96 GPA in the classroom. A talented singer and guitar player, she participated in a service-mission trip on behalf of Students Today Leaders Forever and is a member of the Mustang Running Club.

"Cami Davre has incredible composure and is amazing under pressure," said Whitefish Bay head distance coach Mike Miller. "She loves big-time races and she loves to compete. She has such incredible confidence for a young lady. You just know that she's going to do her best and this year her best was pretty incredible."

Davre will begin her junior 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.

Davre joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Kennedy Blahnik (2013-14, 2012-13 & 2011-12, Algoma High School), Dezerea Bryant (2010-11 & 2009-10, Bradley Tech.), Brea Tinney (2008-09, Osceola), Megan Rennhack (2007-08, Dodgeland), and Hannah Gronning (2006-07, Shell Lake) among the state's list of former award winners.

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