

Evans named top track athlete by Gatorade

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CHICAGO - Linn-Mar High School junior Josh Evans has been named the 2012-13 Gatorade Iowa Boys Track & field Athlete of the Year, the company announced Thursday.

Linn-Mar freshman Stephanie Jenks won the girls' award from Gatorade earlier this week, giving Linn-Mar a clean sweep of the honors.

Evans won the 3200 meter run at the Class 4A state track meet and anchored the sprint medley relay to victory, helping Linn-Mar win the team championship. He captured the 1600 meter run at the Drake Relays, breaking a meet record that had stood for 24 years.

Evans has a 4.0 GPA at Linn-Mar and participates in various activities for his school, community and church.

Evans joins a list of recent Gatorade track champions that includes Conner Smock (2011-12), Kevin Lewis (2010-11), Kyle Dunn (2009-10), Omet Kak (2008-09), Jarred Herring (2007-08) and Matt Banse (2006-07). Dunn is also from Linn-Mar.