

DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE LOUISIANA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 23, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Cade Doughty of Denham Springs High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Player of the Year**. Doughty is the first Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Denham Springs 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 field, distinguishes Doughty as Louisiana's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Doughty joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.), Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Wash.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman High School, Tenn.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas), Rick Porcello (2006-2007, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound senior shortstop led the Yellow Jackets (17-13) to the second round of the Class 5A state tournament this past season, batting .505 with six home runs, 25 RBI, 40 runs scored and a .620 on-base percentage. A two-time First Team All-State selection and a 2018 Perfect Game All-American Classic participant, Doughty is the top-ranked player in the state by both Perfect Game and Prep Baseball Report.

A devoted member of his parish community, Doughty has volunteered locally on behalf of the REACH club and the Key Club, and has donated his time to cleanup efforts in his community following a devastating flood. "The thing I like best about Cade Doughty is his versatility," said Denham Springs High School head coach Mark Carroll. "I could play him at any position and he would be an outstanding player there. He can hit for power, hit for average, is a 'plus' runner, and has a 'plus' arm. He knows the little things that increase your team's chances of winning."

Doughty has maintained a 3.45 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball on scholarship at Louisiana State University beginning this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in June's Major League Baseball draft.

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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Doughty joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Players of the Year Cade Beloso (2017-18, John Curtis Christian School), Jacob Pearson (2016-17, West Monroe High School), Logan Savoy (2015-16, South Beauregard High School), Kale Breaux (2014-15, Sulphur High School) and Chase Vallot (2013-14, St. Thomas More High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Doughty also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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