

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OHIO 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 **Mack Anglin of Highland High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Ohio Baseball Player of the Year**. Anglin is the first Gatorade Ohio Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Highland 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 Anglin as Ohio'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, Anglin 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-5, 204-pound senior right-handed pitcher and infielder had led the Fighting Scots to a 19-8 record and a berth in the Division II district semifinals at the time of his selection. Through 27 games, Anglin posted a 6-1 record with a 0.36 ERA and recorded 79 strikeouts in 39 innings pitched, compiling a WHIP of 0.72. The state's top-ranked player in the Class of 2019 as rated by Perfect Game and a 2018 First Team All-State selection, he owned a .356 batting average with five home runs, 34 RBI and a .726 slugging percentage entering the district final four.

A member of the Business Professionals of America, a student-empowerment and professional growth organization, Anglin has volunteered locally as a youth baseball and basketball coach. "Mack Anglin has been a joy to coach," said Highland High head coach Donovan Kline. "He is gifted athletically, but he also works hard. He is a complete pitcher and baseball player who understands the game at a very high level."

Anglin has maintained a 3.11 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Clemson University beginning 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. 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.

Anglin joins recent Gatorade Ohio Baseball Players of the Year Nick Northcut (2017-18, Mason High School), Michael Kirian (2016-17, New Riegel High School), Chris Machamer (2015-16, Washington High School), Ryan Feltner (2014-15, Walsh Jesuit High School), and Cameron Varga (2013-14, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Anglin 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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