

**TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE KENTUCKY BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 21, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Daylen Lile of Trinity High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Kentucky Baseball Player of the Year**. Lile is the first Gatorade Kentucky Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Trinity 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 Lile as Kentucky'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, Lile 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-0, 195-pound junior outfielder followed up on an outstanding 2019 season by leading his Canes National club team to the Perfect Game 17-and-under World Series title last summer. Lile made the All-Tournament Team, batting .541 with three doubles, two triples and a home run, driving in 11 runs, scoring nine and stealing two bases. A Perfect Game 2020 Preseason All-American, Lile also led the Canes to the World Wood Bat Association crown this past October, again earning a spot on the All-Tournament Team. In the 2019 high school campaign, he slugged .839 en route to an OPS of 1.457. The nation's No. 52 prospect in the Class of 2021 as rated by Perfect Game and the No. 41 prospect by Prep Baseball Report, he is batting .536 with runners in scoring position for his prep career and owns a 5.75-to-one walks-to-strikeout ratio.

Lile has volunteered locally on behalf of Dare to Care, packing food for the needy and the homeless. He has also donated his time to the Bearcreek Baptist Church and local youth baseball clinics. "In my opinion, Lile is the best bat-to-ball hitter we've seen in Kentucky... maybe ever," said Ballard High head coach Scott Adell. "He has a mature approach at the plate and excellent hand-eye coordination. His body balance is exceptional, and I think he'll be a high selection in the 2021 (Major League Baseball) draft. I think he's hands-down the best high school baseball player in Kentucky."

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 and 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.

Lile joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Baseball Players of the Year Ryan Hawks (2017-18, Warren East High School), Jordon "Jo" Adell (2016-17, Ballard High School), Jaren Shelby (2015-16, Tates Creek High School) and Caleb Bruner (2014-15, Logan County High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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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