

ST. ALBANS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced George Minjack of St. Albans School is the 2025-26 Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Minjack as District of Columbia's best high school baseball player and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park, TX), MacKenzie Gore (2016-17, Whiteville High School, NC) and Seth Hernandez (2024-25, Corona High School, CA).

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound junior shortstop and right-handed pitcher led the Bulldogs (15-12-1) to the DCSAA championship game this past season. Minjack batted .366 with 25 runs, 16 RBI and 10 extra-base hits. He also struck out 32 batters over 25.2 innings on the mound. Ranked as the District's No. 1 player in his class Perfect Game, Minjack fired 6.1 innings with seven strikeouts in St. Albans' championship victory, allowing just one unearned run in a 1-0 loss to Jackson-Reed. A 2026 Perfect Game Preseason Atlantic Regional Honorable Mention Underclass All-American, he's a two-time All-IAC selection and was named First Team All-District as a sophomore.

An avid sports photographer and social media digital designer, Minjack has volunteered locally with Weed Warriors, a group that is granted permits through the National Park Service to clear invasive plant species from Rock Creek Conservancy. "Minjack is a phenomenal kid," said Henry Martinez, head coach of Landon High School. "He's been their best hitter for three years. He's a superstar in my eyes. He plays all over the field and is the heart and soul of the team. St. Albans doesn't have the success they've had without him."

Minjack has maintained a B+ average in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball at Georgetown University in the fall of 2027.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the winners in each sport.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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