

## **CENTER GROVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Gannon Grant of Center Grove High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Indiana 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 Grant as Indiana'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).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior right-handed pitcher and shortstop had led the Trojans (22-1) to the Class 4A state postseason sectionals. Grant compiled a record of 6-0 on the mound with a 0.76 ERA and 58 strikeouts in 37 innings entering the team's postseason opener. Ranked as the nation's No. 54 prospect in the Class of 2026 by Prep Baseball Report, he also batted .373 with 23 RBI, 17 runs and four home runs through 23 games.

Grant has volunteered locally as a youth baseball umpire and offers offseason instruction to younger players. He has also donated his time as the leader of a bible study group that includes other Center Grove students. "Gannon Grant is a two-way player who's had tremendous success as a pitcher and a position player," said Ed Freije, Cathedral High School head coach. "I've also been impressed with how Gannon has carried himself and approached the game with his own teammates and our players. He's handling a lot of the recognition and exposure with humility and success."

Grant has maintained a 3.46 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at the University of Tennessee this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in July's Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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