

## **THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MARYLAND 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 Joey Coudon of The John Carroll School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Maryland 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 Coudon as Maryland'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 5-foot-8, 175-pound senior center fielder tied a Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association Conference A single-season record with 16 home runs this past season, leading the Patriots (20-16) to the loser's bracket final of the MIAA A Conference Tournament. Coudon compiled a .487 batting average with 53 runs scored, 42 RBI and 14 stolen bases while posting a .572 on-base percentage and a 1.017 slugging percentage. He also didn't commit an error in the field and concluded his prep baseball career with an MIAA A Conference career-record 33 home runs.

Coudon has volunteered locally with the Doc Perry Foundation, which helps veterans and their families in the fight against suicide. He's also donated his time helping the homeless and as a youth baseball coach. "Joey's on-field performance is elite, highlighted by a rare combination of power, speed and arm strength," said Darrion Siler, head coach of The John Carroll School. "Despite being undersized, he's built his success through relentless work ethic, toughness and consistency."

Coudon has maintained a weighted 4.07 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball on scholarship this fall at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

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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