

**ST. AUGUSTINE PREPARATORY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW JERSEY BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Alex Weingartner of St. Augustine Preparatory School is the 2025-26 Gatorade New Jersey 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 Weingartner as New Jersey'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, 205-pound senior right-handed pitcher and center fielder had led the Hermits to a 19-7 record and a first-round bye in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletics Association South Jersey Non-Public A playoffs. Weingartner batted .512 with 32 RBI and 42 runs scored, slugging six home runs and stealing 28 bases through 26 games. Ranked as the nation's No. 74 player in his class by Perfect Game, he also compiled a record of 4-1 on the mound with a 1.19 ERA and averaged 1.9 strikeouts per inning entering the postseason.

The president of the St. Augustine chapter of the National Honor Society, Weingartner has volunteered locally as the lector for school Mass every Wednesday. He has also donated his time as a youth baseball instructor and with the Student Ambassador Committee, guiding new pupils on school tours. "He worked his 90-mph slider as his get-ahead pitch and finished most of our guys off with a 95-mph fastball," said Vincent Londino, head coach at Delsea Regional High School. "Offensively, he was as scary a hitter and baserunner as we saw all year."

Weingartner has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at Penn State University 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 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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