

METROLINA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jacob Seamon of Metrolina Christian Academy is the 2025-26 Gatorade North Carolina 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 Seamon as North Carolina'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-5, 205-pound junior outfielder posted a .528 batting average with 13 home runs, 30 extra-base hits and 50 RBI this past season, leading the Warriors (28-6) to the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association Class 4A championship series. Seamon scored 61 runs and stole 31 bases, recording a .595 on-base percentage and a 1.104 slugging percentage. He's ranked as the nation's No. 2 recruit in the Class of 2027 by Baseball America.

Seamon has volunteered locally with Samaritan's Purse as part of disaster relief efforts and has also donated his time as a youth baseball coach. "Jacob is the most talented player you'll find in high school baseball," said Darren Adams, head coach of Metrolina Christian Academy. "He has an incredible combination of power, speed and athleticism."

Seamon has maintained a weighted 4.55 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball at Louisiana State University beginning 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, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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