

## **INDIAN HILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OHIO 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 Devlan Daniel of Indian Hill High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Ohio 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 Daniel as Ohio'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, 215-pound junior right-handed pitcher and outfielder had led the Braves (20-4) to the No. 2 seed in the Division IV state tournament. Daniel batted .432 through 24 games with 20 RBI, four home runs and 33 runs scored. The two-time Cincinnati Hills League Player of the Year was also 2-0 on the mound, posting a 0.70 ERA and averaging 1.9 Ks per inning entering the postseason.

Daniel has participated in multiple Indian Hill High School student groups, including the Partners Club, which brings together students who have special needs with those who don't to forge new relationships and friendships. He has also donated his time to the Student Leadership Team and as a Student Ambassador. "Devlan has to be game-planned for in all facets," said Matt Heller, head coach at Madeira High School. "He can impact games with his speed and defense just as much as he can in the batter's box or on the mound. From a pitching standpoint, he's made huge strides from last year. He's seeing the ball so well at the plate. He doesn't get many pitches to hit, but he's disciplined. If you miss a location—especially with a fastball—he makes you pay."

Daniel has maintained a 3.84 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball on scholarship at Mississippi 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](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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