

## MOSES BROWN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE RHODE ISLAND 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 Will Haggerty of Moses Brown School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Rhode Island 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 Haggerty as Rhode Island'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 5-foot-10, 190-pound junior right-handed pitcher and infielder had led the Quakers (11-11-1) to the No. 9 seed and the opening round of the double-elimination Division 1 state tournament. Haggerty compiled a 4-3 record on the mound through 23 games with a 0.89 ERA, 72 strikeouts and just 12 walks in 47.1 innings pitched. After the tournament's opening round, he owned a batting average of .400 with 26 runs scored and nine RBI, producing a .529 on-base percentage.

Haggerty has volunteered locally with the Moses Brown Christian Affinity Group, which helps raise funds for local nonprofit organizations, among other initiatives. He has also donated his time as a youth baseball instructor, coaching all ages of players. "His fastball is dominant and he has a very effective slider as well," said Ryan Long, Portsmouth High School head coach. "He knows how to hold runners at bay and he mixes up his timing. He's also a major part of Moses Brown's offense and he's solid defensively."

Haggerty has maintained a 3.47 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Florida 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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