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**ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 2, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Michael Bowie of St. John's College High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year. Bowie is the tenth Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. John's College High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Bowie as District of Columbia's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Bowie joins an elite alumni association of past state baseball award winners, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Roy Halladay (1994-95, Arvada West HS, Colo.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman HS, Tenn.), Chipper Jones (1989-90, Bolles School, Fla.), Derek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior right-handed pitcher and outfielder led the Cadets (23-4) to the WCAC semifinals this past season, posting a 7-2 record, a 2.30 ERA and 53 strikeouts in 44.2 innings while batting .430 with two home runs, 29 RBIs and a .728 slugging percentage. A 2010 First Team All-Conference selection, Bowie was also a 2009 *Washington Post* Second Team All-Met selection.

Bowie has maintained an unweighted 3.19 GPA in the classroom. An active member of his church community, he has volunteered locally at area homeless shelters and on behalf of fund-raising initiatives to benefit the Jaycees.

"Mike Bowie has been just tremendous for us since he's been here," said St. John's Head Coach Mark Gibbs. "No one works harder and no one wants to win as much as he does."

Bowie will attend George Mason University this fall, where he will play baseball.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Bowie joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Players of the Year Matt Bowman (2008-09, St. Albans School), Danny Hultzen (2007-08, St. Albans School) and L.J. Hoes (2006-07, St. John's College) among the state's list of former award winners.

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