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**PUNAHOU SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® HAWAII 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 Suiter of Punahou School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year. Suiter is the third Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Punahou 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 Suiter as Hawaii's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Suiter 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, 195-pound junior outfielder led the Buff n' Blue (22-7-1) to their seventh consecutive Division I state title and the 14th championship in school history this season, batting .479 with a home run, 26 runs scored and 12 stolen bases. A two-time First Team All-Tournament selection, Suiter batted .642 and scored five runs during the state tournament, sparking a Punahou offense that outscored its opponents 37-4 in four tournament games.

Suiter has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth football and baseball coach as well as on behalf of multiple beach-cleanup initiatives and school-sponsored charitable fund-raisers.

"Michael Suiter is our team captain and he has been our best player two years in a row," said Punahou High Head Coach Eric Kadooka. "He's the consummate leadoff hitter and he plays a superb centerfield. He is without a doubt our most valuable player."

Suiter will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

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.

Suiter joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Players of the Year Breland Almadova (2008-09, Iolani School), Aaron Fukiji (2007-08, Mid-Pacific Institute) and Harrison Ishida (2006-07, Punahou School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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