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**SALESIANUM SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DELAWARE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Lincoln Lambertson of Salesianum School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year. Lambertson is the first Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Salesianum 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 Lambertson as Delaware's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Lambertson 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, 180-pound senior second baseman batted .549 with three home runs and 18 RBIs, leading Salesianum to a 16-4 record and the state semifinals. A 2010 First Team All-Non-Conference selection, Lambertson also posted a 1.467 OPS and stole five bases in five attempts.

Lambertson has maintained a 4.17 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society and a U.S. Presidential Scholar award-winner, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and his school's campus ministry mission.

"Lincoln Lambertson is always striving for excellence in all that he does," said Salesianum School head coach Ted Godfrey. "His character, attitude and work ethic are off the charts."

Lambertson has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of North Carolina 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.

Lambertson joins recent Gatorade Delaware Baseball Players of the Year Taylor Mahoney (2009-10, St. Mark's), Eric Buckland (2008-09; Caravel Academy), Derrik Gibson (2007-08, Seaford), and Derrik Gibson (2006-07, Seaford), among the state's list of former award winners.

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