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CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® INDIANA 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 Dillon Peters of Cathedral High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year. Peters is the first Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Cathedral 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 Peters as Indiana's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Peters 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 5-foot-10, 175-pound senior left-handed pitcher outfielder led the Fighting Irish to a 24-2 record and the Class 4A regional tournament, scheduled to begin June 4 against Brownsburg. Peters posted an 8-1 record with a 1.71 ERA and 118 strikeouts in 59.2 innings pitched through 26 games. The 2010 Indianapolis Star Super Team Player of the Year, Peters also owns a .375 batting average with 12 doubles and 23 RBIs entering the postseason.

Peters has maintained a 3.24 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the American Red Cross and Kids Against Hunger in addition to serving as a youth baseball coach and camp counselor.

"The thing that makes Dillon Peters stand out is his work ethic," said Cathedral High head coach Rich Andriole. "He isn't afraid to put in the effort to make himself better constantly."

Peters has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Texas 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.

Peters joins recent Gatorade Indiana Baseball Players of the Year Justin O'Conner (2009-10, Cowan), Cameron Perkins (2008-09; Southport), Alex Meyer (2007-08, Greensburg Community), and Jarrod Parker (2006-07, Norwell), among the state's list of former award winners.

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