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**BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® VERMONT 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 Nick Swim of Bellows Free Academy as its 2010-11 Gatorade Vermont Baseball Player of the Year. Swim is the third Gatorade Vermont Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bellows Free Academy.

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 Swim as Vermont's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Swim 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-11, 185-pound senior shortstop led the Bobwhites to a 12-3 record and a berth in the Div. I postseason tournament, scheduled to begin May 31. At the time of his selection, Swim owned a .558 batting average with two home runs, 21 runs scored and 21 RBI. He's a three-time All-Metro selection.

Swim has maintained a 3.45 GPA in the classroom. A member of his school's Athletic Leadership Council, he has volunteered locally on behalf of youth sports programs. He also has donated his time by mowing lawns and shoveling snow for elderly residents in his neighborhood.

"He has great baseball instincts," said Tim Albertson, head coach of rival Champlain Valley Union High. "He rarely strikes out, he's always on base, great in the field and quick on the base paths."

Swim intends to complete a year of post-graduate study at Maine's Bridgton Academy, beginning 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.

Swim joins recent Gatorade Vermont Baseball Players of the Year Adam Picard (2009-10, Essex), Ryan Carter (2008-09; Proctor), Greg Lutton (2007-08, Mt. Abraham Union), and Casey Harman (2006-07, South Burlington), among the state's list of former award winners.

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