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**MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® CALIFORNIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 30, 2012) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Ty Moore of Mater Dei High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade California Baseball Player of the Year. Moore is the first Gatorade California Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mater Dei 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 Moore as California's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Moore 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-3, 190-pound senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Monarchs to a 24-5 record and a berth in the Division I CIF Southern Section semifinals against Newbury Park, scheduled for May 29. At the time of his selection, Moore had posted a 12-1 record on the mound with a 0.83 ERA and 71 strikeouts in 67.1 innings. A 2011 Louisville Slugger All-American and First Team All-State selection, he also batted .412 with 23 RBIs, 30 runs scored and 10 stolen bases in 10 attempts.

Moore has maintained a 3.77 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally at an area food bank and homeless shelter and on behalf multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society.

"I haven't seen a better player this season than Ty Moore," said JSerra High head coach Brett Kay. "He's a total, complete player and the toughest guy we've had to pitch to all season. He doesn't take games off and he's really an intimidating factor in their lineup."

Moore has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at UCLA this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in next month's Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

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 ESPNHS 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade California Baseball Players of the Year Robert Stephenson (2010-11, Alhambra High School), Dylan Covey (2009-10, Maranatha), Matt Hobgood (2008-09; Norco), Kyle Skipworth (2007-08, Patriot), and Josh Vitters (2006-07, Cypress), among the state's list of former award winners.

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