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**MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® HAWAII 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 Travis Garcia-Perreira of Mid-Pacific Institute as its 2011-12 Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year. Garcia-Perreira is the fourth Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mid-Pacific Institute.

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 Garcia-Perreira as Hawaii's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Garcia-Perreira 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 left-handed pitcher, outfielder and first baseman posted a 4-2 record on the mound along with a 1.74 ERA and 31 strikeouts in 40.33 innings this past season, leading the Owls (15-3) to the Division I quarterfinals. A 2012 First Team All-League selection, Garcia-Perreira also batted .490 with 17 RBIs and a .647 slugging percentage.

Garcia-Perreira has maintained a 3.02 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and as a youth baseball coach and elementary school motivational speaker.

"Travis Garcia-Perreira was such a consistent force for us all season long," said Mid-Pacific Institute head coach Dunn Muramaru. "He played at such a high level in all phases of the game and was the best hitter in our league."

Garcia-Perreira will attend Arizona Western College this fall where he will play baseball.

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.

Garcia-Perreira joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Players of the Year Kalei Contrades (2010-11, Saint Louis School), Michael Suiter (2009-10, Punahou School), 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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