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**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEVADA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 30, 2012) — In its 27<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Joey Gallo of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year. Gallo is the fourth Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Gallo as Nevada's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Gallo 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-5, 215-pound senior third baseman and right-handed pitcher led the Gaels (40-3) to their seventh consecutive Class 4A state championship this past season. Gallo batted .509 with 21 home runs, 80 RBIs and 66 runs scored, posting a 1.167 slugging percentage. The No. 5-ranked prospect in the Class of 2012 as rated by ESPNHS, he also produced a 1.85 ERA with 17 strikeouts in 11.33 innings-pitched, including a complete-game no-hitter over top-ranked Gloucester Catholic (N.J.) in mid-April.

Gallo has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of Matthew's Closet, an area non-profit organization that provides clothing for needy families and as a youth baseball coach for physically challenged children.

"Joey Gallo is one of the most naturally talented kids I've ever been around," said Bishop Gorman High head coach Nick Day. "The ball jumps off his bat like no one else and I've seen him get pretty close to 100 MPH on the radar gun. He just has so much pure ability."

Gallo has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at Louisiana State University 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.

Gallo joins recent Gatorade Nevada Baseball Players of the Year Jake Hager (2010-11, Sierra Vista High School), Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza), Jeff Malm (2007-08 & 2008-09; Bishop Gorman), and Taylor Cole (2006-07, Bishop Gorman College Prep), among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners, and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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