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**HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW YORK 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 Alex Robinson of Holy Trinity High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade New York Baseball Player of the Year. Robinson is the first Gatorade New York Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Holy Trinity 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 Robinson as New York's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Robinson 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, 225-pound senior left-handed pitcher led the Titans to a 15-8 record and the Nassau-Suffolk Catholic High School Athletic Association championship series against St. John the Baptist, scheduled for May 29. Through 23 games, Robinson owned a 7-0 record on the mound with a 0.41 ERA, recording 109 strikeouts and allowing just 14 hits in 51 innings pitched. An All-Long Island selection, he was also the CHSAA Pitcher of the Year.

Robinson has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom. A math and science tutor for grade school students, he has volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball programs.

"Robinson is an awesome pitcher and an intimidating presence on the mound," said Mike Pienkos, head coach at rival Chaminade High. "He throws it hard, he's got a nasty breaking ball and he's got outstanding control."

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

Robinson joins recent Gatorade New York Baseball Players of the Year Jonathan de Marte (2010-11, Lakeland High School), Jonathan de Marte (2009-10, Lakeland), Marcus Stroman (2008-09; Patchogue-Medford), Philip Pohl (2007-08, Cooperstown), and Brian Dupra (2006-07, Greece Athena), among the state's list of former award winners.

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