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**DILLON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® SOUTH CAROLINA 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 Jamie Callahan of Dillon High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade South Carolina Baseball Player of the Year. Callahan is the first Gatorade South Carolina Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dillon 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 Callahan as South Carolina's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Callahan 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, 210-pound senior right-handed pitcher posted a 7-1 record on the mound with one save, a 0.89 ERA and 113 strikeouts in 50 innings this past season, leading the Wildcats (17-4) to the second round of the Class AA Lower State tournament. A 2011 Under Armour All-American Game participant and the No. 57 ranked prospect in the Class of 2012 as rated by ESPNHS, he also batted .439 with 5 home runs, 32 RBIs and 28 runs, compiling a 1.356 OPS.

Callahan has maintained a 3.93 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics as well as food and clothing drives for needy families.

"Jamie Callahan is a great kid with a good attitude and he's an exceptional baseball player," said Tim Daniels, head coach at Lorris High. "He's an extremely hard worker and when he is on the field, the team is very hard to beat. There is no doubt in my mind that his incredible work ethic will propel him above others at the next level."

Callahan has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at the University of South Carolina 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.

Callahan joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Baseball Players of the Year Jordan Montgomery (2010-11, Sumter High School), Forrest Koumas (2009-10, Lugoff-Elgin), Madison Younginer (2008-09; Mauldin), Zac Fuesser (2007-08, York Comprehensive), and Steven Neff (2006-07, Lancaster), among the state's list of former award winners.

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