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**CALVERT HALL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MARYLAND BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2013) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Alex Murphy of Calvert Hall College High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Maryland Baseball Player of the Year. Murphy is the first Gatorade Maryland Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Calvert Hall College 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 Murphy as Maryland's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Murphy joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, 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.), Derrek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot, 205-pound senior catcher led the Cardinals to a 22-8 record and the second round of the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association A Conference playoffs, scheduled for May 26. At the time of his selection, Murphy batted .538 with two home runs, 31 RBI and a .942 slugging percentage. A two-time First Team All-Conference selection, he was named the Baltimore Sun Player of the Week for March 26 when he batted .909 (10-for-13) with 13 RBI and six extra-base hits.

Murphy has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of a retirement home and as a youth baseball coach.

"Alex Murphy is a natural leader and I believe the best player in the state of Maryland," said Calvert Hall head coach Lou Eckerl. "With what he brings to the field both offensively and defensively through the amount of hard work he puts in, I believe he is the best player to come through this area in many years."

Murphy has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at Wake Forest University 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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Murphy joins recent Gatorade Maryland Baseball Players of the Year Kevin Mooney (2011-12, North Harford High School), Austin Neary (2010 - 11, Archbishop Spalding High School), Travis Clark (2009-10, Hammond), Jack Carey (2008-09 St. Paul's School), Kevin Brady (2007-08, Gaithersburg), and Joseph Yermal (2006-2007, McDonogh School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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