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**VOLCANO VISTA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEW MEXICO BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2013) — In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Andre Vigil of Volcano Vista High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade New Mexico Baseball Player of the Year. Vigil is the first Gatorade New Mexico Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Volcano Vista 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 Vigil as New Mexico's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Vigil 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-2, 205-pound senior second baseman and right-handed pitcher batted .394 with six home runs, 24 runs scored, 24 RBI and a .676 slugging percentage, leading the Hawks (18-9) to the Class 5A quarterfinals this past season. A three-time First Team All-State selection, Vigil set a state record in 2013 with his 36th career home run. On the pitcher's mound, he posted a 5-1 record with a 1.70 ERA with 43 strikeouts in 43 innings pitched.

Vigil has maintained a 3.34 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Toys for Tots Foundation and as a youth baseball instructor.

"Andre Vigil is a great player and a tremendous leader for his team," said Shane Shallenberger, head coach at Cleveland High. "He is a game-changer with his bat and with his pitching. His presence alone raises the level of his teammates."

Vigil has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at the University of New Mexico 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.

Vigil joins recent Gatorade New Mexico Baseball Players of the Year Shilo McCall (2011-12, Piedra Vista High School), Blake Swihart (2010 - 11, Cleveland High School), Sam Wilson (2009-10, Eldorado), Max Walla (2008-09 Albuquerque Academy), Wade Hinkle (2007-08, Del Norte), and Richard Bohlken (2006-2007, La Cueva) 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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