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**ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2015) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced A.J. Lee of St. John's College High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year. Lee is the eleventh Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. John's 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 Lee as District of Columbia's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Lee 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.), Derek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-1, 175-pound senior shortstop and right-handed pitcher led the Cadets (26-5) to their second straight Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship this past season. The District's returning Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year, Lee posted a 7-0 record on the mound with a 0.43 ERA and 58 strikeouts in 49 innings pitched. He is a two-time Washington Post First Team All-Met honoree and he batted .388 with 34 runs-scored, 22 RBI and a .527 on-base percentage this spring.

Lee has maintained a 3.38 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of an area nursing home and the Miracle League working with athletes with special needs.

"A.J. Lee has excelled not only as a player but also as a person and a leader," said St. John's head coach Mark Gibbs. "He consistently put the team and the program in front of himself on the field as well as in the classroom and the community."

Lee has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic 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 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.

Two-time winner Lee joins Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Players of the Year Andrew Culp (2012-13, Maret School), Danny O'Donnell (2011-12, St. John's College High School), Mark Williams (2010-11, Gonzaga College High School), Michael Bowie (2009-10, St. John's College High School), Matt Bowman (2008-09, St. Albans School), Danny Hultzen (2007-08, St. Albans School), and L.J. Hoes (2006-07, St. John's College High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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