

Contact: Matt Schiffman (312-729-3672)

**MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® HAWAII 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 Noah Shackles of Mid-Pacific Institute as its 2014-15 Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year. Shackles is the eighth Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mid-Pacific Institute.

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 Shackles as Hawaii's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Shackles 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 5-foot-11, 170-pound senior catcher batted .355 with 16 RBI and a .525 slugging percentage, leading the Owls (14-4) to the Division I state final this past season. Also the 2015 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Player of the Year, Shackles batted .455 in the state tournament and compiled nine multi-hit games this spring.

Shackles has maintained a 3.0 GPA in the classroom. A talented artist, his work has been showcased as part of the Mid-Pacific School of the Arts certificate program and he has volunteered locally on behalf of his church community.

"Noah Shackles is an outstanding young man and a leader on the baseball field," said Mid-Pacific head coach Dunn Muramaru. "He truly helped elevate our team to the ILH championship and into the state tournament."

Shackles will attend Alvin Community College in Texas this fall, where he will play baseball.

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.

Shackles joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Players of the Year Kodi Medeiros (2013-14, Waiakea High School), Trey Saito (2012-13, Mid-Pacific Institute), Travis Garcia-Perreira (2011-12, Mid-Pacific Institute), Kalei Contrades (2010-11, Saint Louis School), Michael Suiter (2009-10, Punahou School), Breland Almadova (2008-09, Iolani School), Aaron Fukiji (2007-08, Mid-Pacific Institute), and Harrison Ishida (2006-07, Punahou School) 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.

###