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**MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® HAWAII BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 24, 2016) — In its 31<sup>st</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Alex Oley of Mid-Pacific Institute as its 2015-16 Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year. Oley is the ninth 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 Oley as Hawaii's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Oley 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 John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 5-foot-9, 160-pound senior outfielder and left-handed pitcher batted .406 with 16 runs scored and a .638 slugging percentage, leading the Owls (18-5) to the Division I quarterfinals this past season. The 2016 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Player of the Year, Oley also posted a 5-1 record on the mound with a 2.35 ERA.

Oley has maintained a 3.49 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and as a youth baseball coach.

"Alex Oley exemplifies everything we hope youth players to be," said Keenan Sue, head coach at the Punahou School. "He is hard working and has a positive attitude but is a fierce competitor who rises to a challenge. He is genuinely confident, yet humble and just a plain, good player."

Oley has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at New Mexico State 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.

Oley joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Players of the Year Noah Shackles (2014-15, Mid-Pacific Institute), 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.

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