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**ARBOR VIEW HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEVADA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 24, 2016) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Nick Quintana of Arbor View High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year. Quintana is the first Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Arbor View 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 Quintana as Nevada's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Quintana 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-10, 185-pound senior shortstop batted .438 with 15 home runs and 58 RBI, leading the Aggies (15-15) to the first round of the Division I regional tournament this past season. The nation's No. 25 prep prospect as rated by Perfect Game USA, Quintana also produced a slugging percentage of 1.112. He was a member of the USA Baseball 18U National team that won the 2015 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup in Japan last September, and he played in the Perfect Game All-American Classic at Petco Park in San Diego last summer.

Quintana has maintained a 3.67 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Student Athlete Community Service Network, a food bank and has also served as a contributing writer for his school newspaper.

"Nick Quintana is a coach's dream," said Arbor View head coach Gary White. "He does everything that I ask of him and he's just fun to be around. He is a special talent and he's in a class by himself."

Quintana has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Arizona this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in June's Major League Baseball draft.

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.

Quintana joins recent Gatorade Nevada Baseball Players of the Year Cadyn Grenier (2014-15, Bishop Gorman High School), Cooper Powell (2013-14, Centennial High School), Kenny Meimerstorf (2012-13, Bishop Gorman High School), Joey Gallo (2011-12, Bishop Gorman High School), Jake Hager (2010-11, Sierra Vista High School), Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School), Jeff Malm (2008-09 & 2007-08, Bishop Gorman High School), and Taylor Cole (2006-07, Bishop Gorman High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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