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**THE PROUT SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® RHODE ISLAND 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 Mason Feole of The Prout School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Player of the Year. Feole is the first Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from The Prout 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 Feole as Rhode Island's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Feole 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 left-handed pitcher and first baseman has led the Crusaders to an 11-6 record entering this week's regular-season game against Chariho High, scheduled for May 23. Feole is 5-1 with a 0.72 ERA on the mound. He has allowed just 25 hits and nine walks while striking out 67 batters in 39 innings pitched. At the plate, the 2015 Division II-South Player of the Year is batting .326 with 11 runs scored and nine RBI.

Feole has maintained a B average in the classroom. A member of the Prout Pride Club, he has volunteered locally with a peer ministry and his school's chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions. He has also donated his time as a school tour guide and as a youth baseball coach.

"Mason Feole has been the best pitcher in Division II for the past four years," said Keith Vellone, head coach of Narragansett High. "He consistently dominates teams each game. His ability to change speeds, keep batters off balance and have command of the strike zone are just a few of Mason's attributes."

Feole has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Connecticut beginning 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.

Feole joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Players of the Year Gian Martellini (2014-15 & 2013-14, Bishop Hendricken High School), Mike King (2012-13, Bishop Hendricken High School), David Hopkins (2011-12, East Greenwich High School), Harrison Barlow (2010-11, South Kingstown High School), Anthony Aceto (2009-10, North Providence High School), Ryan Morris (2008-09, North Kingstown High School), and Ryan Westmoreland (2007-08 & 2006-07, Portsmouth High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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