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MONSIGNOR MCCLANCY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW YORK BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 30, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Quentin Holmes of Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade New York Baseball Player of the Year. Holmes is the first Gatorade New York Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Monsignor McClancy Memorial 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 Holmes as New York's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Holmes joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.), Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Wash.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman High School, Tenn.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas), Rick Porcello (2006-2007, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 6-foot-2, 185-pound senior outfielder had led the Crusaders to an 18-6 record at the time of his selection. Holmes owned a .463 batting average with seven home runs, 24 RBI and 21 stolen bases through 24 games. A member of the USA Baseball 18U National Team, he was a First Team All-State and All-City selection as a junior and was named a Rawlings/Perfect Game First Team All-American.

A peer tutor in his school, Holmes has volunteered locally visiting nursing homes and children's hospitals. "Quentin Holmes has the ability to change the game in so many ways," said Brad Lyons, head coach at Archbishop Molloy High. "His bat is great, and defensively, he's one of the best I have ever seen."

Holmes has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Mississippi State University 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, 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.

Holmes joins recent Gatorade New York Baseball Players of the Year Daniel Bakst (2015-16, Poly Prep Country Day School), Garrett Whitley (2014-15, Niskayuna High School), Scott Blewett (2013-14, C.W. Baker High School), Mark Armstrong (2012-13, Clarence High School), Alex Robinson (2011-12, Holy Trinity High School), Jonathan de Marte (2010-11 & 2009-10, Lakeland High School), Marcus Stroman (2008-09, Patchogue-Medford High School), Philip Pohl (2007-08, Cooperstown High School), and Brian Dupra (2006-07, Greece Athena High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Quentin will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow the conversation on Twitter #GatoradePOY. 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.

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