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**JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MARYLAND BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 29, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Ryan Archibald of John Carroll School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Maryland Baseball Player of the Year. Archibald is the first Gatorade Maryland Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from John Carroll 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 Archibald as Maryland's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Archibald 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, 215-pound senior utility infielder and right-handed pitcher led the Patriots (20-6) to the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association A Conference tournament. Archibald batted .538 (35-for-65), cranking seven home runs with 30 RBI, 27 runs scored, five stolen bases, a .590 on-base percentage and a slugging percentage of 1.590. On the mound, Archibald went 3-1 with a save while striking out 38 batters and walking just 10 over 27.2 innings. A 2017 All-Harford County First Team honoree in 2017, Archibald was a preseason All-State selection this spring by the Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches.

Archibald has donated his time to organizing the first annual Josh Hamer Memorial Scholarship Tournament and Home Run Derby, where he and teammate Grant Astle raised over \$10,000 to go toward a scholarship fund dedicated to honoring the legacy of Hamer, a John Carroll student who died in a car accident in 2017. He has also volunteered locally at youth baseball clinics.

"We've played many of the top teams in the state, and I think, based on what I've seen, Ryan deserves it," said Mike Kelly, head coach at Loyola Blakefield. "He's had a really great season. For my money, Ryan's the man."

Archibald has maintained a weighted 3.85 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Arizona 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 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.

Archibald joins recent Gatorade Maryland Baseball Players of the Year Harold Cortijo (2016-17, Riverdale Baptist School), Tyler Blohm (2015-16, Archbishop Spalding High School), Ljay Newsome (2014-15, Chopticon High School), Cody Morris (2013-14, Reservoir High School), Alex Murphy (2012-13, Calvert Hall College High School), Kevin Mooney (2011-12, North Harford High School), Austin Neary (2010-11, Archbishop Spalding High School), Travis Clark (2009-10, Hammond High School), Jack Carey (2008-09, St. Paul's School), Kevin Brady (2007-08, Gaithersburg High School), and Joseph Yermal (2006-07, McDonogh School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Ryan 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 <http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com/>.

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