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**ARBOR VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEVADA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 29, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Austin Pfeifer of Arbor View High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year. Pfeifer is the second 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 Pfeifer as Nevada's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Pfeifer 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-3, 205-pound senior right-handed pitcher, first baseman and third baseman led the Aggies (18-13-1) to the Class 4A quarterfinals this past season. Pfeifer hit .427 (38-for-89) and led the nation in home runs with 17, according to MaxPreps, to go with 49 RBI, 25 runs, nine walks and a state-best 1.101 slugging percentage. On the mound, Pfeifer posted a 6-2 record with a save and a 2.39 ERA, striking out 61 batters and allowing just 18 walks in 55.2 innings. He was named Sunset Region Player of the Year.

Pfeifer has volunteered locally helping to feed the homeless at Three Square in Las Vegas. As a burn victim survivor, he has also fundraised on behalf of the Burn Foundation in addition to donating his time to the Triple-A Las Vegas 51s.

"Pfeifer had a good year both on the mound and at the plate, and doing both is tough at any level," said Mike Hubel, head coach at Cimarron-Memorial High.

Pfeifer has maintained a weighted 3.07 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball on scholarship at UNLV 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.

Pfeifer joins recent Gatorade Nevada Baseball Players of the Year Austin Wells (2016-17, Bishop Gorman High School), Nick Quintana (2015-16, Arbor View High School), 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.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Austin 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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