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**SNOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE UTAH 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 Austin Deming of Snow Canyon High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year. Deming is the second Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Snow Canyon 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 Deming as Utah's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Deming 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, 180-pound senior shortstop and right-handed pitcher led the Warriors (26-5) to the Class 4A semifinal this past season. Deming batted .516 (49-for-95) with nine home runs, 31 RBI, 38 runs scored and 15 walks for an on-base percentage of .580 and a slugging percentage of 1.000. He went 5-0 on the mound with a save and a 1.31 ERA. He struck out 42 batters while allowing just 18 hits and 17 walks in 32 innings pitched, firing four complete games including a no-hitter and two shutouts. A two-time All-State selection, Deming is ranked as the No. 3 recruit in Utah's Class of 2018 by Perfect Game.

Deming has donated his time helping individuals with their Eagle Scout projects in addition to volunteering with church's youth group. He has also helped coach at Little League clinics.

"Austin is the anchor and leader of his team, and he is a very respectful player and plays the game like it should be played," said Shane Johanson, head coach at Hurricane High.

Deming has maintained a 3.91 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball on scholarship at Brigham Young University 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.

Deming joins recent Gatorade Utah Baseball Players of the Year Seth Corry (2016-17, Lone Peak High School), Payton Henry (2015-16 & 2014-15, Pleasant Grove High School), Colton Shaver (2013-14, Jordan High School), Riley Gates (2012-13, Snow Canyon High School), Kayden Porter (2011-12 & 2010-11, Spanish Fork High School), Adam Duke (2009-10, Spanish Fork), Marcus Littlewood (2008-09 & 2007-08, Pine View), and Tanner Robles (2006-07, Cottonwood) 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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