

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 23, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Collin Bosley-Smith of Woodrow Wilson High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year**. Bosley-Smith is the sixth Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Woodrow Wilson 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 Bosley-Smith as District of Columbia's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Bosley-Smith joins an elite alumni association of 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-4, 195-pound junior right-handed pitcher and shortstop led the Tigers (23-9) to the District of Columbia State Athletic Association championship game, posting a 4-1 record on the mound with a 1.78 ERA and 51 strikeouts in 34 innings. He held opposing hitters to a tepid .134 batting average. A 2018 Washington Post First Team All-Met selection and the top-ranked prep player in the district as rated by Perfect Game, Bosley-Smith also batted .421 with 18 RBI and a 1.143 OPS.

A devoted parishioner in his church community, Bosley-Smith has volunteered locally on behalf of the ImpACTA Kids Foundation and as a youth baseball coach. "Collin Bosley-Smith is the hardest worker to ever come through our program," said Woodrow Wilson head coach Jimmy Silk. "He cuts zero corners and maximizes his large frame on the mound and in the batter's box. He leads by example and sets the tone every single day for his teammates."

Bosley-Smith has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at Duke University beginning in the fall of 2020.

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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Bosley-Smith joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Players of the Year Zach Tsakounis (2017-18, St. John's College High School), Jack Roberts (2016-17, St. John's College High School), Cam Remalia (2015-16, St. John's College High School), and A.J. Lee (2014-15 & 2013-14, St. John's College High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Bosley-Smith also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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