

HAGERTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE FLORIDA 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 **Riley Greene of Hagerty High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Florida Baseball Player of the Year**. Greene is the first Gatorade Florida Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Hagerty 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 Greene as Florida'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, Greene 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-2, 185-pound senior outfielder batted .422 with eight home runs and 38 runs scored this past season, leading the Huskies (23-5) to the second round of the Class 8A state tournament. The left-handed-hitting Greene also stroked 11 doubles and three triples, driving in 27 runs. Ranked as the No. 3 recruit in the Class of 2019 by Baseball America, Greene owned a .554 on-base percentage and a .916 slugging percentage. He won a gold medal in May with the USA Baseball Under-18 National Team at the Pan-American Championships in Panama.

Greene has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach and umpire. "Riley is one of the finest players I've seen play," said Andy Lyon, head coach of Lake Howell High. "I consider Riley to be a throwback-type player with new-age skills. He does everything well and plays the right way."

Greene has maintained a weighted 3.79 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Florida 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. 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.

Greene joins recent Gatorade Florida Baseball Players of the Year Carter Stewart (2017-18, Eau Gallie High School), Logan Allen (2016-17, University High School), Bo Bichette (2015-16, Lakewood High School), Kyle Tucker (2014-15, Plant High School), and Nicholas Gordon (2013-14, Olympia High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Greene 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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