

CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA 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 **Cade Feeney of Century High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Player of the Year**. Feeney is the third Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Century 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 Feeney as North Dakota'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, Feeney 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 5-foot-11, 180-pound junior right-handed pitcher and shortstop had led the Patriots to a 25-3 record at the time of his selection. Feeney compiled a 4-0 record with a 0.80 ERA through 28 games, along with a .383 batting average, two home runs and 22 RBI. He surrendered just 20 hits and five walks in 35 innings pitched while striking out 63 batters. A First Team All-State honoree, he's also a two-time All-Conference selection.

A football and basketball standout as well, Feeney has volunteered locally on behalf of community clean-up initiatives and youth sports programs. "Feeney has been a dominant player in our league, on the mound and at the plate," said Aaron Finders, head coach at Williston High. "He's got good control, he throws the ball hard and he's a very tough out."

Feeney has maintained a 3.73 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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. 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.

Feeney joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Players of the Year Jake Faircloth (2017-18, West Fargo High School), Cameron Jorda (2016-17, Dickinson High School), Dalton Feeney (2015-16, Century High School), Colin Hennessy (2014-15, Red River High School), and Ian Schultz (2013-14, Fargo North High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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