

**C.K. MCCLATCHY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE CALIFORNIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 29, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Malcolm Moore of C.K. McClatchy High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade California Baseball Player of the Year**. Moore is the first Gatorade California Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from C.K. McClatchy 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 Moore as California's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Moore 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-3, 200-pound junior catcher batted .535 with seven home runs, 55 RBI and 46 runs scored, leading the Lions to a 20-4 record and first place in the Metropolitan Conference this past season. The nation's No. 7 draft prospect in the Class of 2022 as ranked by PrepBaseballReport, and the 2021 Sacramento Bee Baseball Player of the Year, he collected 28 extra-base hits, compiled a .630 on-base percentage and produced a 1.855 OPS.

Moore has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple school fundraisers and as a youth baseball coach. "Malcolm Moore can flat out play baseball," said Shane Spence, head coach at Christian Brothers High. "He has made his teammates around him better and they play together as a family because of him. The best part about him, he's a great, humble kid with high character. He's an absolute class act."

Moore has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball on scholarship at Stanford University beginning in the fall of 2022.

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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Moore joins recent Gatorade California Baseball Players of the Year Tyler Soderstrom (2019-20, Turlock High School), Josh Hahn (2018-19, Huntington Beach High School), Cole Winn (2017-18, Orange Lutheran High School), and Royce Lewis (2016-17, JSerra Catholic High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Moore has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Moore is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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