

**APPOQUINIMINK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DELAWARE 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 **Lorenzo Carrier of Appoquinimink High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year**. Carrier is the second Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Appoquinimink 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 Carrier as Delaware'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, Carrier 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-5, 207-pound senior center fielder batted .535 with four home runs, 40 RBI and 26 stolen bases this past season, leading the Jaguars to a 17-6 record and a berth in the state championship game. The state's returning Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year and Delaware's No. 1 draft prospect as ranked by Perfect Game, Carrier also scored 31 runs while amassing an OPS of 1.698.

Carrier has volunteered locally as part of multiple fundraisers to benefit a children's hospital and has donated his time as a youth baseball coach. "Lorenzo Carrier has been a phenomenal leader in our baseball program for the last four years," said Appoquinimink head coach Mike Torres. "He plays and understands the game at a very high level. He has all of the tools to succeed at the next level."

Carrier has maintained a 3.33 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Miami 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 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.

Two-time winner Carrier joins recent Gatorade Delaware Baseball Players of the Year Matt Warrington (2018-19, Sussex Tech High School), Zack Gelof (2017-18, Cape Henlopen High School), and Ryan Steckline (2016-17, Appoquinimink High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Carrier has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Carrier 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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