

**SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE HAWAII BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 29, 2021) — In its 36<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Caleb Lomavita of Saint Louis School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year**. Lomavita is the fourth Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Saint Louis 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 Lomavita as Hawaii'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, Lomavita 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 senior right-handed pitcher, outfielder and catcher led the Crusaders to an 8-2 record and the Interscholastic Honolulu League championship this past season. Lomavita compiled a 4-0 record on the mound with a 1.71 ERA and 30 strikeouts in 28.2 innings. The state's No. 1 draft prospect as ranked by Perfect Game, he also posted a .414 batting average along with a pair of home runs, 10 runs scored and a .758 slugging percentage.

An elected member of his school's student council and the president of his graduating class, Lomavita has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and youth mentor and on behalf of Marcus Mariota's Motiv8 Foundation in addition to donating his time as a baseball camp counselor and instructor. "Caleb Lomavita is not only the best player in Hawaii, he is also the best person," said Dunn Muramaru, head coach at Mic-Pacific Institute. "He pitches, catches and plays centerfield and at all three positions, he is the state's best."

Lomavita has maintained a 3.80 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of California at Berkeley 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.

Lomavita joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Players of the Year Kala'i Rosario (2019-20, Waiakea High School), Micah Yonamine (2018-19, Iolani School), Stone Parker (2017-18, Kailua High School), and Joey Cantillo (2016-17, Kailua High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Lomavita has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Lomavita 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com), on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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