

**GILMAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MARYLAND 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 **Peter Heubeck of Gilman School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Maryland Baseball Player of the Year**. Heubeck is the first Gatorade Maryland Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Gilman 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 Heubeck as Maryland'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, Heubeck 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, 180-pound senior right-handed pitcher led the Greyhounds to a 17-8 record and the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association Conference A Finals championship this past season. Heubeck compiled an 8-2 record on the mound with 101 strikeouts and a 1.20 ERA in 64.1 innings. He posted a WHIP of 0.82 and held opposing batters to a .115 average. In 27 at-bats this spring, he hit .333 with nine RBI and an OPS of .765. A two-time First Team All-MIAA selection and a Perfect Game First Team Mid-Atlantic honoree, he is ranked No. 52 among the Top 100 high school pro draft prospects by Baseball America.

The captain of Gilman's indoor track team, Heubeck has volunteered locally in association with Bridges Gilman, through which he mentors underserved youth in the Baltimore area. "Peter is one the hardest-working and most dedicated players I have ever coached," said Gilman head coach Larry Sheets. "He is a bulldog on the mound and nothing seems to rattle him. He's the guy you'd want on the hill to close out a championship game, which he did. His numbers speak for themselves, but his desire can't be fully measured by those numbers."

Heubeck has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Wake Forest University this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in July'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. 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.

Heubeck joins recent Gatorade Maryland Baseball Players of the Year Jack Bulger (2019-20 & 2018-19, DeMatha Catholic High School), Ryan Archibald (2017-18, John Carroll School), and Harold Cortijo (2016-17, Riverdale Baptist School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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