

**HERITAGE HALL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 **Jackson Jobe of Heritage Hall** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year**. Jobe is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Heritage Hall.

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 Jobe as Oklahoma'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, Jobe 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-2, 190-pound senior right-handed pitcher and shortstop led the Chargers to a 29-5 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Jobe compiled a 9-0 record on the mound with a 0.13 ERA and 122 strikeouts against just five walks in 51.2 innings. The nation's No. 5 draft prospect as ranked by Baseball America, he also posted a .469 batting average with six home runs, 38 RBI, 37 runs scored and an OPS of 1.483.

Jobe has volunteered locally on behalf of a variety of school fundraisers while donating his time as a youth baseball coach. "Jackson Jobe is a very hard-working kid and he played the game the way it's supposed to be played," said Cole Sharp, head coach at Purcell High. "He hustles and dives for balls off the pitcher's mound—he's just a competitive kid. He's one of the best players I've ever seen at the high school level."

Jobe has maintained a 3.65 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Mississippi 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.

Jobe joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Players of the Year Cade Horton (2019-20, Norman High School), Kale Davis (2018-19, Westmoore High School), Tyler Polk (2017-18, Duncan High School), and Ryan Vilade (2016-17, Stillwater High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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