

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

CHICAGO (June 3, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Nu'u Contrades** of **Saint Louis School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Player of the Year**. Contrades is the fifth 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 Contrades 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 June, Contrades 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 (2006-07, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 5-foot-11, 185-pound senior infielder batted .462 with a home run and 17 RBI this past season, leading the Crusaders to a 24-7-1 record and a berth in the Division I semifinals. The 2022 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Player of the Year, Contrades compiled a .517 OBP along with a 1.170 OPS this spring and batted .667 in the state tournament.

Contrades has volunteered locally on behalf of an assisted living facility and in association with multiple community cleanup initiatives. "Nu'u Contrades is a quiet leader, but he chooses when to speak up and lead when it's needed," said Saint Louis School head coach George Gusman. "He leads with his work ethic and by example. He's a great competitor who cares about his team."

Contrades has maintained a 4.21 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Arizona State University 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Contrades joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Baseball Players of the Year Caleb Lomavita (2020-21, Saint Louis School), Kala'i Rosario (2019-20, Waiakea High School), Micah Yonamine (2018-19, Iolani School), and Stone Parker (2017-18, Kailua High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Contrades has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Contrades is also eligible to submit a short 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 \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.