

**STILLWATER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 **Jackson Holliday** of **Stillwater High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year**. Holliday is the fifth Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Stillwater 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 Holliday 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 June, Holliday 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 6-foot-1, 180-pound senior shortstop set a national single-season record with 89 base hits this past season, according to the National Federation of High Schools. Ranked as the nation's No. 3 recruit in the Class of 2022 by Prep Baseball Report and No. 9 by Perfect Game, Holliday batted .685 with 17 home runs and 79 RBI, leading the Pioneers (29-12) to the Class 6A regional final. A 2021 Perfect Game All-American Game invitee and a 2021 Team USA 18U National Team member, he compiled a .749 on-base percentage and a jaw-dropping 2.141 OPS this spring, swiping 30 bases without being caught en route to scoring 74 runs.

A devoted parishioner in his church community, Holliday has volunteered locally as a bible study leader with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has also donated his time in association with Glennon Children's Hospital in addition to serving as a youth baseball coach. "Jackson Holliday is the most humble, hardest-working baseball player I have ever seen," said Stillwater High School head coach Jimmy Harris. "He has a professional work ethic and the way he trains and takes care of his body is one of his great strengths. His baseball IQ is at a very high level and he really understands how to play the game at a high level."

Holliday has maintained a 3.32 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Oklahoma State 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Holliday joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Players of the Year Jackson Jobe (2020-21, Heritage Hall), Cade Horton (2019-20, Norman High School), Kale Davis (2018-19, Westmoore High School), and Tyler Polk (2017-18, Duncan 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, Holliday 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. Holliday 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.

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