

**SNOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE UTAH BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 3, 2022) — In its 37<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Luke Anderson** of **Snow Canyon High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year**. Anderson is the third Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Snow Canyon 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 Anderson as Utah'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, Anderson 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, 185-pound senior outfielder, first baseman and designated hitter batted .562 with six home runs and 47 RBI, compiling an OPS of 1.686 this past season and leading the Warriors (22-12) to a berth in the Class 4A state final. Anderson also drew 36 walks and scored 51 runs. The state's No. 5 prospect in the Class of 2022 as rated by the Prep Baseball Report, Anderson also reached base more than 67 percent of the time and struck out just once every 15.4 plate appearances.

A devoted parishioner within his church community, Anderson has donated his time by working with disabled and special needs students and has volunteered locally as part of multiple community cleanup initiatives, including weeding and gardening for elderly neighbors. "Luke Anderson is a great player and outstanding competitor who always plays the game the right way," said Danny Ipson, head coach at Dixie High School. "He is full of energy and has all of the skills to be great at the next level."

Anderson has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Brigham Young 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.

Anderson joins recent Gatorade Utah Baseball Players of the Year Fisher Ingersoll (2020-21, American Fork High School), Cooper Vest (2019-20, Dixie High School), Cy Nielson (2018-19, Spanish Fork High School), and Austin Deming (2017-18, Snow Canyon 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, Anderson 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. Anderson 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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