

**GONZAGA COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 2, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Bryson Moore** of **Gonzaga College High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year**. Moore is the third Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Gonzaga College 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 Moore as District of Columbia'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, Moore joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jackson Holliday (2021-22, Stillwater High School, Okla.), Bobby Witt Jr. (2018-19, Colleyville Heritage High School, Texas), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.).

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound senior right-handed pitcher and infielder compiled a 4-1 record with a 1.27 earned run average this past season, leading the Eagles (22-11) to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference tournament championship series. Moore struck out 56 batters in 44 innings pitched while allowing just 25 hits. At the plate, the WCAC Player of the Year posted a .364 batting average with three home runs, 26 runs scored and a .568 slugging percentage.

Moore has volunteered locally at the Father McKenna Center, a homeless shelter and food bank. He has also donated his time as a youth baseball coach. "Bryson was the most dominant player in our conference all year," said Kyle Padgett, head coach of Bishop O'Connell High School. "He was the most dominant pitcher in our league and he swung the bat well, too."

Moore has maintained a weighted 4.15 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Virginia 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Players of the Year Nick Morabito (2021-22, Gonzaga College High School), Max Simpson (2020-21, St. John's College High School), and Collin Bosley-Smith (2019-20 & 2018-19, Wilson High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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