

**CATOCTIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MARYLAND BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 2, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Joey McMannis** of **Catoctin High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Maryland Baseball Player of the Year**. McMannis is the first Gatorade Maryland Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Catoctin 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 McMannis as Maryland’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, McMannis 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-5, 235-pound senior right-handed pitcher and infielder led the Cougars to an 18-2-1 record and the regional finals this past season. McMannis posted a 7-1 record with a 0.51 ERA, surrendering just 12 hits in 41 innings pitched while striking out 81 batters. He also batted .500 with nine home runs, 34 RBI and a slugging percentage of 1.063. A Rawlings/Perfect Game Preseason First Team All-Atlantic Region selection, he’s a three-time All-State honoree and a three-time First Team All-Conference pick.

McMannis has volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball programs. “Joey McMannis is a dual-threat,” said Andy Baker, head coach at Middletown High School. “He is an amazing pitcher, but he’s also one of the best hitters in the state.”

McMannis has maintained a 3.81 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Maryland 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.

McMannis joins recent Gatorade Maryland Baseball Players of the Year Chris Hacopian (2021-22, Winston Churchill High School), Peter Heubeck (2020-21, Gilman School), and Jack Bulger (2019-20 & 2018-19, DeMatha Catholic 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.

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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