

**PHILLIPS ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 **Thomas White** of **Phillips Academy** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Player of the Year**. White is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Phillips Academy.

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 White as Massachusetts’ best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, White 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, 215-pound senior left-handed pitcher led the Big Blues to a 13-6 record and the Central New England Prep School Baseball League semifinals this past season. White posted a 5-2 record on the mound with a 1.66 ERA, striking out 95 batters and allowing just 10 hits in 42 innings pitched. Also the 2021-22 Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Player of the Year, he’s ranked as the No. 4 prospect in the Class of 2023 by Perfect Game and the No. 14 overall prospect in the 2023 MLB Draft class according to Baseball America.

White has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach and instructor, while also working with Phillips’ non sibi community engagement program, which includes donating his time to several notable charity organizations including Relay For Life and Take Back The Night. “White is a dominant pitcher who throws a lot of strikes at high velocity and has elite off-speed pitches that keep you off-balance,” said Phillips Exeter Academy head coach Tim Mitropolous.

White has maintained a cumulative academic standing on the high end of ‘superior’ along Phillips’ six-point grading scale. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Vanderbilt 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.

Two-time winner White joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Players of the Year Josh Baez (2020-21 & 2019-20, Dexter Southfield School) and Sebastian Keane (2018-19, North Andover 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.