GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 3, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Camron Seagraves** of **Grace Christian School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade North Carolina Baseball Player of the Year**. Seagraves is the first Gatorade North Carolina Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Grace Christian School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Seagraves as North Carolina's best high school baseball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Gary Sheffield (1985-86, Hillsborough High School, Fla.), Alex Rodriguez (1992-93, Westminster Christian School, Fla.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Max Clark (2022-23, 2021-22 & 2020-21, Franklin Community High School, Ind.).

The 6-foot-3, 170-pound senior right-handed pitcher led the Crusaders to a 20-7 record and the NCISAA Class 3A state title this past season. Seagraves posted an 8-2 record on the mound, including a no-hitter, while striking out 127 in 65.1 innings as opponents batted just .116 against him. He compiled a 1.71 ERA, a 0.98 WHIP and a 1.12 FIP. He also batted .333 with 23 runs scored and seven steals. A 2024 All-State selection, he's ranked as the nation's No. 160 prospect in his class by Perfect Game.

A member of the Beta Club, Seagraves has led his teammates and classmates on a volunteer service-mission trip to the Dominican Republic, donating his time on behalf of orphanages, a senior housing center, churches and neighborhood cleanups. He has also helped coordinate a baseball camp that donated baseball equipment to children in need. "Camron had an impressive season, capping it off by leading Grace Christian to a state championship," said Reed Fronk, head coach at Charlotte Christian School. "In our program, we take pride in competing against one the top schedules in the state every year, and Camron is up there with the best arms we've faced. His talent and execution on the mound are immediately noticeable, but the most impressive part of his game is his toughness and ability to compete at a high level when his team needs him the most."

Seagraves has maintained a 4.3 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Campbell University this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Seagraves joins recent Gatorade North Carolina Baseball Players of the Year Walker Jenkins (2022-23 & 2021-22, South Brunswick High School), Josh Hartle (2020-21, Reagan High School) and Ryan Clifford (2019-20, Leesville Road High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.