

**COLCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE VERMONT BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 3, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Zach Davis** of **Colchester High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Vermont Baseball Player of the Year**. Davis is the first Gatorade Vermont Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Colchester High 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 Davis as Vermont’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.).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-4, 235-pound senior right-handed pitcher and infielder had compiled a 3-2 record on the mound with a 0.50 ERA and 38 strikeouts in 28 innings. Davis also batted .333 with two home runs and 12 RBI through 13 games, recording a 1.075 OPS to go along with four stolen bases. A three-time Vermont All-Metro pitcher, he is also a 1,000-point scorer for Colchester’s basketball team.

A member of the National Honor Society, Davis has volunteered locally as a math tutor and basketball camp counselor. He has also participated in Colchester’s Student-Athlete Athletic Council. “Zach is a big, impressive guy,” said Jamie Merchant, head coach of Rice Memorial High School. “He pitches with power and has good command. He’s a strikeout guy. He controlled the game very well against us on the mound and he has some homers and big power as a hitter. You can’t make mistakes over the middle against him.”

Davis has maintained a 3.85 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Bryant University (R.I.) 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.

Davis joins recent Gatorade Vermont Baseball Players of the Year Ben Alekson (2022-23, Peoples Academy), Tanner Wolpert (2021-22, Rice Memorial High School), Owen Kellington (2020-21, U32 High School) and Jack Ambrosino (2019-20, South Burlington 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 [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 X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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