ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 3, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Ren Devereux of St. John's College High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade District of Colombia Baseball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Devereux as District of Colombia's best high school baseball player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Gary Sheffield (1985-86, Hillsborough High School, Florida), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Konnor Griffin (2023-24, Jackson Preparatory School, Mississippi).

The 6-foot-2, 195-pound senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Cadets to a 30-1 record and the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship this past season. Devereux posted an 8-0 record on the mound with a 0.67 ERA, striking out 67 batters while issuing just 13 walks over 42 innings. He also batted .360 with 38 RBI, a .411 on-base percentage and a .939 OPS. The 2025 WCAC Player of the Year, Devereux is ranked as the No. 19 prospect in his home state of Maryland by Perfect Game and No. 24 in the Prep Baseball Report Virginia/D.C. Class of 2025 rankings.

Devereux has volunteered locally with the Saint Martin of Tours Food Pantry and has completed over 90 hours of community service around the District at St. John's. "Ren had a tremendous season and showed an extremely high level of competitiveness in our four matchups against St. John's," said Gonzaga College High School coach Greg Ladd. "On the mound, he worked with a quick tempo, challenged hitters with high velocity and effective off-speed. He was a vocal leader who clearly inspired his teammates when he was on the mound. In addition, he brought another dimension to his game this year with his production offensively."

Devereux has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at Penn State 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 across 12 different high school sports – 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.

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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 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 Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>, Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.