SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII 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 Bruin Agbayani of Saint Louis School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Hawaii 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 Agbayani as Hawaii'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, 200-pound senior shortstop and right-handed pitcher led the Crusaders to a 15-6 record and the Division I state championship. Agbayani batted .365 with three home runs, 15 RBI and 22 runs scored, compiling a .512 on-base percentage, .730 slugging percentage and 1.242 OPS. On the mound, he went 2-1 with three saves and a 1.35 ERA, striking out 15 batters in 10.1 innings. Agbayani was named the 2025 HHSAA Division I Tournament Most Outstanding Player and is ranked as the No. 45 overall prospect in the Class of 2025 by Perfect Game and No. 127 nationally by Prep Baseball. Both outlets rate him as the No. 1 player in Hawaii.

Agbayani has volunteered locally as a baseball instructor for the Saint Louis "intermediate" team of seventh and eighth graders. "Agbayani is equipped with more tools and has a direct impact on the game more than any other player in the [Interscholastic League of Honolulu], said Punahou School head coach Keenan Sue. "He sticks out in my mind."

Agbayani has maintained a 3.71 GPA in the classroom. He received an invitation to the 2025 MLB Draft Combine and has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at the University of Michigan 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>.