THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MARYLAND BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 3, 2025) — In its 40^{th} year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Will Rhine of The John Carroll School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Maryland 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 Rhine as Maryland'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-3, 200-pound senior infielder led the Patriots (30-6-1) to the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association state championship this past season. Rhine batted .420 with seven home runs, 32 RBI and 35 runs scored. Ranked as the state's No. 5 prospect in the Class of 2025 by Prep Baseball, he led his team in most major offensive categories, including a .612 on-base percentage and a 1.407 OPS.

A member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Rhine has volunteered locally on behalf of the Josh Hamer Memorial Scholarship Fund. "Will Rhine is a true dirt dog—he's overcome incredible adversity and shown toughness, grit and determination," said John Carroll High School head coach Darrion Siler. "He's one of the hardest-working kids I've coached with razor-sharp focus on his development. He is a leader both in our school community and on this team. I'm so proud of the season he's put together and the contributions he's made to this program over the past four years."

Rhine has maintained a 4.16 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at the University of Alabama 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>.