

## BASIC ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEVADA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 3, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Tate Southisene of Basic Academy of International Studies is the 2024-25 Gatorade Nevada 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 Southisene as Nevada'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 5-foot-8, 185-pound senior shortstop and outfielder led the Wolves (25-7) to the Class 5A state championship this past season. Southisene batted .495 with nine home runs, 50 runs scored and 33 RBI, stealing 16 bases without being caught. Ranked as the nation's No. 21 prospect in the Class of 2025 by Perfect Game, he is a three-time First Team All-State selection and was a 2024 Dick's Sporting Goods All-American Classic invitee.

Southisene has volunteered locally on behalf of his temple and as a youth baseball coach. "Tate Southisene is one of the most exciting, electric and complete players I've ever had the opportunity to coach against," said Dustin Romero head coach at Palo Verde High School. "He plays with an intensity that's truly admirable. He controls the batter's box in a way most high school players can only dream of."

Southisene has maintained a 4.18 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at the University of Southern California this fall but is projected as a first round selection in July's Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) 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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).