PINKERTON ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 2, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Leo Boucher of Pinkerton Academy is the 2024-25 Gatorade New Hampshire 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 Boucher as New Hampshire'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).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot, 180-pound senior right-handed pitcher and outfielder had led the Astros to a 19-0 record and the top seed in the upcoming Division I state tournament. Boucher went 7-0 on the mound with a 1.29 ERA, striking out 64 batters over 38 innings with a 1.24 WHIP through 19 games. At the plate, he drove in 11 runs and scored 18 runs. Ranked as the No. 4 prospect in New Hampshire's Class of 2025 by Perfect Game and No. 24 in New England by Prep Baseball Report, he was a 2024 First Team All-State selection.

Boucher has volunteered locally as a youth baseball instructor, and he also serves as the head of his school's Elementary Spanish Club. "He's the real deal," said Spaulding High School head coach Brad Taylor. "He's a great two-way player and considered the ace of the (undefeated) defending champs."

Boucher has maintained a 93.3 weighted average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball on scholarship 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>.