

## POLY PREP COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW YORK 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 Miguel Sime of Poly Prep Country Day School is the 2024-25 Gatorade New York 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 Sime as New York'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-4, 235-pound senior right-handed pitcher had led the Blue Devils (17-9) and a berth in the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) state postseason. Sime compiled a 5-2 record on the mound with a 1.13 ERA and 89 strikeouts in 49.1 innings. Ranked as the nation's No. 36 prospect in the Class of 2025 by Perfect Game, he produced against some of the top teams in the country at the National High School Invitational this past spring.

He has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach and has maintained a home-raised chicken coop, providing his family with a steady supply of fresh, farm-to-table eggs. "Miguel Sime is one of the best teammates I've ever coached," said Poly Prep Country Day School head coach Matt Roventini. "Through all the ups and downs, including injuries over the years, no one cheers on his teammates more than he does. On the mound, he's an intimidating force. The way he competes and goes deep into games shows that he's just as focused on winning for his team as he is on showcasing his own talent."

Sime has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at Louisiana State University 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).