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STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS OBGC GRANT THROUGH GATORADE

Olney, MD — Olney native and Gatorade's Washington, D.C. baseball *Player of the Year*, Ren Devereux, awarded the Olney Boys and Girls Community Sports Association (OBGC) a \$1,000 grant to help accomplish its mission to help kids build confidence, self-esteem, and leadership while striving to cultivate a lifelong interest in sports, health, and teamwork.



Sports have seen a double-digit decline over the past decade, largely due to tighter budgets in communities, but young people who participate in sports are found to be happier, healthier, and better students. As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sports, every Player of the Year receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner.

"The Gatorade Player of the Year award highlights student-athletes who set an example both on and off the field," said Josh Lytel, Associate Marketing Manager for Gatorade Player of the Year. "The grants give these athletes a chance to donate to organizations like OBGC, which positively impacts youth in the community."

"This Gatorade community grant is greatly appreciated because it allows OBGC to provide additional scholarships to players in need," said Brad Scott, OBGC Executive Director. "We know the difference grants and donations make, so our young athletes can play the sports they love. We are grateful to Ren Devereux and Gatorade for choosing OBGC!"



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All 610 Gatorade State Player of the Year recipients are awarded a grant to donate to a social impact partner of their choosing. Each Player of the Year can also submit a video about why their organization is deserving of one of 12 Spotlight Grants, which awards an additional \$10,000 to the organization. To date, Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$5.6 million across more than 2,000 organizations.

Gatorade has a longstanding history of serving athlete communities and its ambition is to continue doing more to create positive change. Most recently, Gatorade announced its Fuel Tomorrow commitment, a multi-year initiative to provide opportunities for everyone to play sports and realize their potential.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow the conversation on Twitter #GatoradePOY. For more on Gatorade Player of the Year Community Grants, the Gatorade Player of the Year, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit PlayerOfTheYear.Gatorade.com

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About The Olney Boys and Girls Club (OBGC)

Founded in 1969, the Olney Boys and Girls Community Sports Association (OBGC) is a volunteer-based, non-profit that provides children of all ages with structured & safe sports programs that emphasize physical, social, and emotional development. Offering both recreational and competitive opportunities across a spectrum of sports, OBGC helps kids to build confidence, self-esteem and leadership while striving to cultivate a lifelong interest in sports, health, and teamwork. OBGC is also the home to [Cropdusters Baseball](#), the Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League baseball team. For more information about OBGC, visit www.OBGC.com and follow the organization on [X](#), [Instagram](#), or [Facebook](#).

About Gatorade Player of the Year

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's most elite high school athletes for their success on and off the playing surface. Gatorade Players of the Year are not only the best in their sports, but they're also leaders in the classroom and in their communities. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Peyton Manning, Jayson Tatum, Mallory Swanson and Paige Bueckers.