

Gallo Wins Bauman Award

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Minor League Baseball announced Tuesday that Hickory Crawdads third

baseman Joey Gallo is the recipient of the 2013 Joe Bauman Award, presented by Musco Sports Lighting. Gallo won the award by leading all of MiLB with his 40 home runs this season, 38 of which came in a Crawdads uniform.

Gallo, 19, is the youngest player to win the award in its 12-year history, while also becoming the first teenager to hit 40 home runs in a season since 1962. The All-Star slugger is the first Crawdad to take home the prize, with his 38 Hickory homers breaking the 'Dads single-season record.

Gallo began the final week of the season trailing George Springer (AAA Omaha) by four home runs before finishing the year with seven round trippers over his final six games. The highlight of the surge came on August 30th, when Gallo posted his second 3-homer game of the season to leap past Springer and into first place.

Gallo's final homer of the night also happened to be the record-breaking 174th of the year for the Crawdads.

The 39th overall pick by the Texas Rangers in 2012, Gallo will be presented with the Joe Bauman Trophy and a check for \$8,000, \$200 for every homer hit, at the Baseball Winter Meetings Awards Luncheon at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Orlando, FL on December 9th.