



LOUISVILLE SLUGGER® /BCA ANNOUNCES 2009 STATE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

LOUISVILLE, KY- (July 15, 2009) Louisville Slugger® and the National High School Baseball Coaches Association (BCA) in conjunction with *Baseball America* are pleased to announce the 2009 Louisville Slugger State High School Baseball Players of the Year Awards. A player of the year was selected in 47 participating states and Washington, DC by coaches who are members of the BCA.

“Once Again, we are proud to join Louisville Slugger and Baseball America in honoring these fine young baseball players from all across the United States,” said BCA Executive Director Ron Davini. **“These players have been selected by coaches in their jurisdictions as the best player in their respective home states. We’re sure to be hearing more about these players in years to come, at both the collegiate and professional levels.”**

Louisville Slugger initiated the State High School Player of the Year Awards in 2004 as part of its 120th anniversary. The legendary company is proud of its rich heritage and tradition in baseball. Louisville Slugger bats, first made in 1884, have been linked to so many of the greatest moments in baseball history. This year the company is celebrating its 125th year!

“Louisville Slugger is the official bat of Major League Baseball and in addition to all of our history, we have the majority of MLB players using our bats today,” said Louisville Slugger President Marty Archer. **“These State High School Player of the Year Awards are a way to honor today’s high school stars for their outstanding accomplishments as they work to try to become the Major League stars of the future.”**

Recipients of the Louisville Slugger State High School Player of the Year Awards will receive specially engraved black and silver Louisville Slugger bats noting their achievement. Their respective schools will receive a replica for the school trophy case.

A list of the 2009 winners of these awards follows:

State School First Last Pos

AL	Harselle High School	Luke Bole	Lhp
AK	Sitka High School	Ross Venneberg	P/DH
AZ	Desert Ridge High School	Jake Barrett	Rhp
AR	Sylvan Hills High School	D. J. Baxendale	Rhp/Inf
CA	Norco High School	Matt Hobgood	Rhp
CO	Rocky Mountain High School	Bryan Peters	Rhp
CT	Berlin High School	Matt Carasiti	Rhp

DE	Caravel Academy	Eric Buckland	Rhp
DC	St Albans School	Matt Bowman	Rhp/SS
FL	Mitchell High School	Patrick Schuester	Lhp
GA	East Paulding High School	Zach Wheeler	Rhp
HI	Iolani High School	Breland Almadova	Rhp
ID	Twin Falls High School	Jacob Coats	Rhp
IL	Limestone Community High School	Seth Schwindenhammer	OF
IN	Andrean High School	Adam Norton	SS/Rhp
IA	Sioux City North High School	Dean McArdle	Rhp
KS	Maize High School	Garrett Gould	Rhp
KY	Covington Catholic High School	Luke Maile	C
LA	Zachary High School	Zachary Von Rosenberg	Rhp/Inf
ME	Scarborough High School	Chris Bernard	Rhp/Of
MD	Thomas Johnson High School	Brandon Kline	Rhp
MA	Thayer Academy	Kyle McKenzie	Rhp
MI	University of Detroit Jesuit High School	Dan Fields	SS
MN	Tartan High School	Ryan Abrahamson	SS/Rhp
MS	West Lauderdale High School	Darren Farmer	C
MO	Westminster Christian Academy	Jacob Turner	Rhp
NE	Nebraska City High School	Logan Ehlers	Lhp
NV	Bishop Gorman Prep High School	Jeff Malm	1B
NH	Portsmouth High School	Mike Montville	1B/Of
NJ	Millville High School	Mike Trout	OF
NM	Rio Rancho High School	Max Weiner	Rhp
NY	Patchogue Medford High School	Marcus Stroman	Rhp/SS
NC	Wesleyan Christian Academy	Wil Myers	C
ND	Minot High School	Ryan Bollinger	Lhp
OH	Strongsville High School	Justin Jamison	Rhp
OK	Sperry Senior High School	Dylan Bundy	Rhp/Inf
OR	Medford High School	Matt Maurer	Lhp
PA	Malvern Preparatory School	Mike Lubanski	OF
RI	North Kingston High School	Ryan Morris	SS/3b
SC	Gilbert High School	Chris Owings	Rhp/SS
TN	Gemantown High School	Jason Thompson	SS
TX	Memorial High School	Michael Ratterree	SS
UT	Pineview High School	Marcus Littlewood	SS
VT	Proctor High School	Ryan Carter	Rhp/1b
VA	Menchville High School	Ethan Carter	Rhp
WA	Central Kitsap High School	Drew Vettleson	Rhp/Of
WV	Martinsburg High School	Brandon King	Rhp
WI	Whitefish Bay High School	Kevin James	Lhp