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**LOUISVILLE SLUGGER® ANNOUNCES
2010 STATE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

LOUISVILLE, KY- (July 19, 2010) Louisville Slugger® and the National High School Baseball Coaches Association (BCA) are pleased to announce the 2010 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 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 states. We’re certain we’ll be hearing more about these players in years to come, at both the collegiate and professional levels as their careers develop.”

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 126th 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 2010 winners of these awards follows.

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HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

STATE	PLAYER	HIGH SCHOOL
ALABAMA	Daryl Norris	Fairhope HS
ALASKA	Dylan Baker	Juneau-Douglas HS
ARIZONA	Taylor Kaczmarek	Desert Ridge HS
ARKANSAS	Brandon Moore	Van Buren HS
CALIFORNIA	Dylan Covey	Maranatha HS
COLORADO	Marco Gonzales	Rocky Mountain HS
CONNECTICUT	Colin O'Keefe	Waterford HS
DELAWARE	Chad Kuhl	Middleton HS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Mike Bowie	St. John's College HS
FLORIDA	Manny Machado	Brito Miami Private HS
GEORGIA	Kaleb Cowart	Cook HS
HAWAII	Michael Suiter	Punahou HS
IDAHO	Devon Austin	Coeur d'Alene HS
ILLINOIS	Shane Conlon	Naperville Central HS
INDIANA	Justin O'Connor	Cowan HS
IOWA	Damek Tomscha	North HS
KANSAS	Cody Kukuk	Lawrence Free State HS
KENTUCKY	Corey Littrell	Trinity HS
LOUISIANA	Bronson Gillam	Evangel Christian Academy
MAINE	Matthew Verrier	Oxford Hills HS
MARYLAND	Travis Clark	Hammond HS
MASSACHUSETTS	Kevin Ziomek	Amherst-Pelham Regional HS
MICHIGAN	Alex Lakatos	Forest Hills Central HS
MINNESOTA	Chris Anderson	Centennial HS
MISSISSIPPI	JaCoby Jones	Richton HS
MISSOURI	Chuckie Jones	Boonville HS
NEBRASKA	Logan Ehlers	Nebraska City HS
NEVADA	Cameron Harper	Green Valley HS
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Mike Montville	Portsmouth HS
NEW JERSEY	Bryan Solomon	Jackson Memorial HS
NEW MEXICO	Sam Wilson	Eldorado HS
NEW YORK	Jonathan Demarte	Lakeland Senior HS
NORTH CAROLINA	Matt Roberts	Graham HS
NORTH DAKOTA	Alex Deyle	Bismarck HS
OHIO	Stetson Allie	St. Edward HS
OKLAHOMA	Cayle Shambaugh	Jay HS
OREGON	Ben Wetzler	Clackamas HS
PENNSYLVANIA	Sean Coyle	Germantown Academy
RHODE ISLAND	Anthony Aceto	North Providence HS
SOUTH CAROLINA	Forrest Koumas	Lugoff-Elgin HS
TENNESSEE	Phillip Pfeifer	Farragut HS
TEXAS	Trey Masek	Giddings HS
UTAH	Adam Duke	Spanish Fork HS
VERMONT	Adam Picard	Essex HS
VIRGINIA	Kyle Crockett	Poquoson HS
WASHINGTON	Josh Sale	Bishop Blanchet HS
WEST VIRGINIA	J.R. Bradley	Nitro HS
WISCONSIN	Bobby Juan	La Crosse Central HS