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Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Names 60 NCAA® Student-Athletes to the 2009-10 Men's and Women's Basketball Candidate Classes

November 4, 2009 (Overland Park, KS) – Sixty NCAA men's and women's basketball student-athletes who excel both on and off the court were tabbed as candidates today for the 2009-10 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence – classroom, character, community and competition. The complete list of candidates follows this release.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School™*, the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

This year's candidate class includes 25 players on the preseason watch lists for the men's and women's John R. Wooden Award, eight men's players who are candidates for the AT&T Naismith Trophy, 11 women's players who are preseason favorites for the State Farm Wade Trophy and three men's and women's players who finished their junior seasons as all-Americans. There are four players recognized last year as ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans. Eleven men's players are from teams ranked in the preseason top 25 poll; while 11 women represent teams ranked in the top 25 women's preseason poll. Of the 60 candidates, 13 have cumulative grade point averages of 3.5 or higher and three have maintained perfect 4.0 GPAs during their collegiate academic careers.

Lowe's, an official Corporate Partner of the NCAA, will announce the Senior CLASS Award™ winner for men's basketball at the 2010 NCAA Men's Final Four® in Indianapolis in April and for women's basketball at the 2010 NCAA Women's Final Four® in San Antonio in April.

The two lists of 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists each midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one finalist who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of classroom, character, community and competition.

"Lowe's is proud to be associated with the nominees for the Senior CLASS Award™ in men's and women's basketball," said Tom Lamb, Lowe's senior vice president of marketing. "Each of the student-athletes has shown tremendous commitment to their studies during their college careers. They have also demonstrated great character and a passion for community service."

This marks the ninth year for the basketball division of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. Previous winners of the men's basketball award include **Juan Dixon** of Maryland (2002), **David West** of Xavier (2003), **Jameer Nelson** of St. Joseph's (2004), **Wayne Simien** of Kansas (2005), **J.J. Redick** of Duke (2006), **Alando Tucker** of Wisconsin (2007), **Shan Foster** of Vanderbilt (2008) and **Tyler Hansbrough** of North Carolina (2009). Past recipients of the women's award include **Sue Bird** of Connecticut (2002), **LaToya Thomas** of Mississippi State (2003), **Alana**

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Beard of Duke (2004), **Kendra Wecker** of Kansas State (2005), **Seimone Augustus** of LSU (2006), **Alison Bales** of Duke (2007), **Candice Wiggins** of Stanford (2008) and **Courtney Paris** of Oklahoma (2009).

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ABOUT THE AWARD

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*[™], the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: classroom, community, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards that a senior season can bring. Sportscaster **Dick Enberg**, Honorary Chairman of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, first conceived the idea of an award for seniors in 2001 in response to the growing trend of men's basketball players leaving school early for the NBA. The award program has expanded the past two years to include a total of nine NCAA[®] Division I sports – football, men's and women's soccer, men's ice hockey, men's lacrosse, baseball and softball in addition to men's and women's basketball. The award is sponsored by Lowe's, an official Corporate Partner of the NCAA[®], and managed by Premier Sports Management. For more information, visit www.seniorCLASSaward.com.

ABOUT LOWE'S

With fiscal year 2008 sales of \$48.2 billion, Lowe's Companies, Inc. is a FORTUNE[®] 50 company that serves approximately 14 million customers a week at more than 1,675 home improvement stores in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1946 and based in Mooresville, N.C., Lowe's is the second-largest home improvement retailer in the world. For more information, visit Lowe.com.

ABOUT THE NCAA

The NCAA is a membership-led nonprofit association of colleges and universities committed to supporting academic and athletics opportunities for more than 400,000 student-athletes at more than 1,000 member colleges and universities. Each year, more than 54,000 student-athletes compete in NCAA championships in Divisions I, II and III sports. Visit www.NCAA.org and www.NCAA.com for more details about the Association.

**2009-10 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award
Men's Basketball Candidates**

Name	Position	School
Matt Bouldin	Guard	Gonzaga University
Da'Sean Butler	Forward	West Virginia University
Devan Downey	Guard	University of South Carolina
Dodie Dunson	Guard	Bradley University
Jason Duty	Guard	Duquesne University
Patrick Foley	Guard	Columbia University
Marcus Ginyard	Guard	University of North Carolina
Marquis Hall	Guard	Lehigh University
Luke Harangody	Forward	University of Notre Dame
Damion James	Forward	University of Texas
Adam Koch	Forward	University of Northern Iowa
David Kool	Guard	Western Michigan University
Chris Kramer	Guard	Purdue University
Roman Martinez	Forward	University of New Mexico
Michael McConathy	Guard	Northwestern State University
Yves Mekongo	Forward	La Salle University
Raymar Morgan	Forward	Michigan State University
Matthew Mullery	Forward	Brown University
Hamady Ndiaye	Center	Rutgers University
Dexter Pittman	Center	University of Texas
Jared Quayle	Guard	Utah State University
Jerome Randle	Guard	University of California, Berkeley
Scottie Reynolds	Guard	Villanova University
Nate Rohnert	Guard/Forward	University of Denver
Jon Scheyer	Guard	Duke University
DeShawn Sims	Forward	University of Michigan
Tyler Smith	Guard/Forward	University of Tennessee
J.T. Tiller	Guard	University of Missouri
Ben Uzoh	Guard	University of Tulsa
Josh Young	Guard	Drake University

**2009-10 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award
Women's Basketball Candidates**

Name	Position	School
Jayne Appel	Center	Stanford University
Miranda Ayim	Forward/Center	Pepperdine University
Amy Beggin	Guard	University of New Mexico
Joy Cheek	Forward/Guard	Duke University
Alysha Clark	Forward	Middle Tennessee State University
Allyssa DeHaan	Center	Michigan State University
Claire Faucher	Guard	Portland State University
Kristen Feemster	Forward	Western Carolina University
Jordan Franey	Guard/Forward	University of California, Santa Barbara
Tyra Grant	Guard	Pennsylvania State University
Alexis Gray-Lawson	Guard	University of California, Berkeley
Kelsey Griffin	Forward	University of Nebraska
Lisa Helmers	Guard	Loyola Marymount University
Allison Hightower	Guard	Louisiana State University
Ashley Houts	Guard	University of Georgia
May Kotsopoulos	Guard	University of Vermont
Maggie Krick	Guard	Illinois State University
Kelsey Luna	Guard	Indiana State University
Joy McCorvey	Forward	St. John's University
Danielle McCray	Guard/Forward	University of Kansas
Jessica Mooney	Guard	Vanderbilt University
Jené Morris	Guard	San Diego State University
Deirdre Naughton	Guard	DePaul University
Lauren Sims	Guard	Long Beach State University
Jenna Smith	Center	University of Illinois
Ashley Sweat	Forward	Kansas State University
Bianca Thomas	Guard	University of Mississippi
Amanda Thompson	Forward	University of Oklahoma
Jenny Van Kirk	Forward	Bradley University
Monica Wright	Guard	University of Virginia