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Baseball finalists announced for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (April 30, 2014) – Ten NCAA® baseball student-athletes who excel both on and off the diamond were selected as finalists today for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award® in collegiate baseball. 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 – community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of finalists follows this release.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*®, the 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.

Finalists were chosen by national media from the list of 30 candidates announced in March. Nationwide fan voting begins immediately to help select the winner. Fans are encouraged to vote on the [Senior CLASS Award website](#) through June 9. Fan votes will be combined with media and Division I head coaches' votes to determine the winner. The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the 2014 College World Series® in June. For more information on all the finalists, visit [seniorCLASSaward.com](#).

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Baseball Finalists

Tim Colwell, North Dakota State

Kevin Courtney, Stony Brook

Dustin DeMuth, Indiana

Clinton Freeman, East Tennessee State

Jeff Gardner, Louisville

Matt Hicks, Louisiana

Andrew Morales, UC Irvine

Mark Payton, Texas

AJ Salcines, Miami (Fla.)

Ryan Thompson, Campbell

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ABOUT THE AWARD

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, 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 a senior season can bring. Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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