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Arizona State's Trever Allen wins the 2015 Senior CLASS Award® in baseball

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (June 12, 2015) – First team All-Pac 12 outfielder Trever Allen from Arizona State has been selected as the 2015 Senior CLASS Award® winner in 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.

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.

“It’s truly an honor to receive this award,” said Allen, a five-time ASU Scholar Baller with a semester GPA above 3.0. “God blessed me with the ability to play baseball, and as I look back on my time spent at ASU, it’s clear that I could not have had a better experience, both on and off the field. The help and support I received from the staff to ensure I flourished while in school was more than I could have asked for, but the best part was the guidance they gave to help me thrive as a man. They set me up for success in more than just athletics, and I cannot thank ASU enough for its huge impact on my life.”

As a red-shirt senior, Allen graduated with a degree in interdisciplinary studies in May 2014 and began graduate-level work while completing his standout career on the baseball field. A four-time letterwinner, the three-time All-Pac 12 honoree helped the Sun Devils to a 34-19 record while tallying a .307 career batting average and becoming just the 17th member of ASU’s 200-hit, 100-RBI, 20-HR club. As a member of a loaded ASU squad, Allen was one of nine Sun Devils to be selected in the MLB Draft, going to the Los Angeles Angels in the 25th round. Always a threat at the plate, Allen finished his career with 230 hits, including 37 doubles, 12 triples and 22 home runs, and, in 2014, became the first Sun Devil to lead the team in home runs in consecutive seasons since Brett Wallace in 2007-08 and just the seventh in program history to do so.

“Trever’s career is marked by accountability, work ethic, leadership, a commitment to service and excellence both on the field and in the classroom,” said ASU Head Coach Tracy Smith. “His numbers on the field over the past four years speak for themselves. He is a living testament to the importance of doing things the right way and the successes that come when a young person commits themselves to a team and a purpose.”

In his five years at Arizona State, Allen made an impact that went beyond academics and athletics. Regularly involved in community activities, Allen volunteered his time in activities such as bagging food for the homeless,

cleaning up trash around Tempe, helping with ASU baseball camps and installing lockers and painting benches at the school's new baseball stadium. Also involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at ASU, Allen served as a senior mentor for freshman student-athletes, helping them learn time-management skills and adjust to collegiate life.

"We're thrilled that Trever Allen was selected by voters to with the Senior CLASS Award this year," said Erik Miner, executive director for the Senior CLASS Award. "To stay in school until you graduate is rare for a standout baseball player, but Trever chose to finish both his degree and his athletic eligibility, and he did so with excellence. He's a great representative of the award and what it stands for."

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Trever Allen, Arizona State

Andrew Guillotte, McNeese State

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Kevin Kaczmarski, Evansville,

Josh Tobias, Florida

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Gage Green, Oklahoma State

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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.