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Florida's Tim Tebow Selected by Nationwide Vote of Media, Fans and Coaches as Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Winner in Football

January 1, 2010 (New Orleans) – Florida quarterback Tim Tebow has been selected as the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award winner for the football bowl subdivision.

The award, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I coaches, national football media and fans, is awarded annually to the most outstanding senior student-athlete in the NCAA[®] Division I Football Bowl Subdivision. The announcement was made today by Lowe's, an official Corporate Partner of the NCAA, during the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

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. The award identifies personal qualities that define a complete student-athlete, with criteria including excellence in the **classroom**, outstanding **character** and **community service** in addition to **competition** on the field.

"Knowing what the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award represents, it is an honor for me to be the recipient, especially knowing that the other nine finalists were all deserving candidates who easily could have won," Tebow said. "This award means so much because it's not just how you play on the field, it's not just what you do in the classroom, but it's what you do as a leader and someone who is going to serve your community. That's what's most important about this award, because all these guys are great players and they're extremely intelligent, but more importantly, they're good people. They help their community and they make a difference in this world."

The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and member of the 2006 and 2008 national championship Gator squads, Tebow ended his collegiate career as the Southeastern Conference's offensive player of the year in 2009 and holds 13 conference and 26 school records. His career numbers include 85 passing and 56 rushing touchdowns and a 65-percent completion rate.

"What Tim has accomplished in the classroom, on the field and in everyday life are all characteristics everyone can learn from," Florida head football coach Urban Meyer said. "Tim is one of the best people that I have ever been around and is an inspiration to all of us. The one thing about Tim is that his unselfishness and mission outside of football is unparalleled. The impact he has made, it's almost like unselfishness is cool, to realize they can give back and to change someone's life if you can, you should. It goes on more than you think."

Tebow recently was announced as an NCAA Top VIII winner and was named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. He has logged more than 700 hours of community service and appearances in 2009, lending his time to organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Shands Hospital and the Goodwill Gators. He has maintained a grade point average above 3.5 in his major of family, youth and community sciences.

"Tim is a deserving winner of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for football. He has demonstrated excellence in the classroom and a commitment to being a leader on the football field. But it is his determination to make his

world a better place that speaks to his character as much as anything,” said Tom Lamb, Lowe’s senior vice president of marketing. “We salute Tim and wish him continued success following graduation from Florida.”

2009 Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award Senior All-America First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Kurtis Gregory	Offensive Lineman	Missouri
Jerry Hughes	Defensive End	TCU
Dan LeFevour	Quarterback	Central Michigan
Colt McCoy	Quarterback	Texas
Tim Tebow	Quarterback	Florida

Senior All-America Second Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Zane Beadles	Offensive Tackle	Utah
Richie Brockel	Fullback	Boise State
Eric Decker	Wide Receiver	Minnesota
Zoltan Mesko	Punter	Michigan
Darrell Stuckey	Safety	Kansas

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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, its goals and members and corporate partnerships that help support programs for student-athletes.

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