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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Announces 2010 Finalists for Nation's Outstanding Senior Student-Athlete in NCAA® Division I Men's Lacrosse

March 29, 2010 (Overland Park, KS) – Ten NCAA® student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were tabbed as finalists today for the 2010 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award in the lacrosse division. 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 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 finalists were chosen by a media committee from the list of 20 candidates who were announced in February.

Nationwide balloting begins immediately to determine the winner. Lowe's, an official Corporate Partner of the NCAA, will announce the Senior CLASS Award™ winner in late May at the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships in Baltimore, Maryland.

The 2010 finalists are: **Gavin Buckley**, St. John's University; **Ken Clausen**, University of Virginia; **Pierce Derkac**, Cornell University; **Jason Duboe**, Harvard University; **Ridge Flick**, U.S. Air Force Academy; **Andrew Maisano**, U.S. Military Academy; **Thomas Muldoon**, Brown University; **Max Quinzani**, Duke University; **Scott Rodgers**, University of Notre Dame, and **Kyle Wimer**, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

These 10 names will be placed on the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award lacrosse ballot for a nationwide vote beginning today and concluding May 17. Fan balloting is available on the award's official Web site, <http://www.seniorCLASSaward.com>, as well as through text messaging. Fans can text LAX to 74567 to vote for the finalists. These votes will be combined with votes from coaches and media to determine the recipient of the award.

"The sport of lacrosse is gaining popularity in different regions of the country, and these student-athletes that represent the sport are part of that reason," said **Tom Lamb**, Lowe's senior vice president of marketing. "Their strong commitment to not only the sport but also the integrity of being a student-athlete will help this sport become more widely played throughout the United States."

This marks the fourth year for the men's lacrosse division of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. Cornell University midfielder **Max Seibald** received the award for the 2009 season and Syracuse University attackman **Mike Leveille** took home the 2008 honor. In 2007, Cornell goalkeeper **Matt McMonagle** won the inaugural men's lacrosse award.

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## ABOUT THE AWARD

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*<sup>™</sup>, 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup>, and managed by Premier Sports Management. For more information, visit [www.seniorCLASSaward.com](http://www.seniorCLASSaward.com).

## ABOUT LOWE'S

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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](http://www.NCAA.org) and [www.NCAA.com](http://www.NCAA.com) for more details about the Association, its goals and members and corporate partnerships that help support programs for student-athletes.

## 2010 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Lacrosse Finalists

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>
Gavin Buckley	Goalkeeper	St. John's University
Ken Clausen	Defense	University of Virginia
Pierce Derkac	Midfield	Cornell University
Jason Duboe	Midfield	Harvard University
Ridge Flick	Attack	U.S. Air Force Academy
Andrew Maisano	Midfield	U.S. Military Academy
Thomas Muldoon	Attack	Brown University
Max Quinzani	Attack	Duke University
Scott Rodgers	Goalkeeper	University of Notre Dame
Kyle Wimer	Midfield	University of Maryland, Baltimore County