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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Army's Andrew Maisano Selected by Nationwide Vote of Coaches, Fans and Media as the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Winner for NCAA® Division I Men's Lacrosse

May 29, 2010 (Overland Park, KS) – U.S. Military Academy midfielder Andrew Maisano has been selected as the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award winner for men's lacrosse.

The award, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I men's coaches, national media and fans, is awarded annually to the most outstanding senior student-athlete in NCAA® Division I men's lacrosse. The announcement and trophy presentation were made today by Lowe's, an official Corporate Partner of the NCAA, during the 2010 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships in Baltimore.

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 **community** service, excellence in the **classroom**, outstanding **character** and **competition** on the field.

"I am humbled to receive an honor like this, especially in a field of such worthy candidates," Maisano said. "It is a testament to all the guys on the team that are always there to push me to be the best I can on the field, in the classroom and in everything else we do at West Point. While my name might be on the award, I could not have done this without my teammates."

A 4.00 student, Maisano ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in his class academically. He is a systems engineering major and was named the Patriot League's 2010 Lacrosse Scholar Athlete of the Year. He has received the Superintendent's Award for Excellence every semester, and he is a member of the Golden Key Society and the Society of American Military Engineers. Maisano spent part of his senior year researching and designing a project for the Federal Aviation Administration to develop a commercial wind turbine that is an alternative energy resource while minimizing radar interference.

"I am so pleased for Andrew that he is receiving this prestigious award. He is very deserving. He has represented himself, his family, this program and this tremendous institution in a first-class manner. He is an outstanding role model for all of us in the Army lacrosse family," head coach Joe Alberici said.

As the Black Knights' starting midfielder for the past two seasons, Maisano has led the team to a Patriot League championship and berth in the 2010 NCAA tournament, where Army pulled off a stunning first-round upset of Syracuse before losing in the quarterfinals to Cornell. He has served as a tutor, volunteered for multiple youth lacrosse clinics, served meals at a food kitchen in his hometown and taught classes at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School during the summer.

“Not only has Andrew made a commitment to Army to be a model student-athlete, he’s also made a promise to serve in the military after he graduates,” said **Tom Lamb**, Lowe’s senior vice president of marketing. “It is a tribute to this young man’s character that he can balance the demanding course work at Army with his desire to play lacrosse and his eagerness to honor his commitment to his country.”

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: 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 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 Senior All-America First Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>
Ken Clausen	Defense	University of Virginia
Pierce Derkac	Midfield	Cornell University
Ridge Flick	Attack	U.S. Air Force Academy
Andrew Maisano	Midfield	U.S. Military Academy
Thomas Muldoon	Attack	Brown University

## **Senior All-America Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>
Gavin Buckley	Goalkeeper	St. John's University
Jason Duboe	Midfield	Harvard University
Max Quinzani	Attack	Duke University
Scott Rodgers	Goalkeeper	University of Notre Dame
Kyle Wimer	Midfield	University of Maryland, Baltimore County