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Alabama's Charlotte Morgan Selected by Nationwide Vote of Coaches, Fans and Media as the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Winner for NCAA[®] Division I Softball

June 3, 2010 (Overland Park, KS) – The 2010 Southeastern Conference player of the year, Charlotte Morgan from the University of Alabama, has been selected as the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award winner for softball.

The award, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I softball coaches, national media and fans, is awarded annually to the most outstanding senior student-athlete in NCAA[®] Division I softball. The announcement and trophy presentation were made today by Lowe's, an official Corporate Partner of the NCAA, during the opening day of the NCAA Women's College World Series[®] in Oklahoma City.

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.

"This is such an amazing honor. It exemplifies so much more than all the accolades I have earned on the field. Being from California and to be welcomed with open arms in the Alabama community has been amazing. To be able to give back to this community and the softball community as a whole has been a blessing and something I plan on continuing to do for the rest of my life," Morgan said.

"What Dick Enberg envisioned for this honor and to have my name now synonymous with the award is unbelievable. I would like to thank Lowe's for this remarkable recognition. I know a responsibility comes along with this honor and I plan to fulfill that to the fullest," she added.

Morgan is one of the most decorated student-athletes in Alabama softball history. She has led the team in runs batted in and owns school and conference records for RBI. She led Alabama to the NCAA Division I Softball Championship super regionals this season. But her excellence on the field extends off it as well. Morgan is a criminal justice major and carries a 3.8 overall grade point average. She has been able to shadow local law enforcement officials and has interned with the police department throughout her collegiate career.

"I can't think of a bigger honor for both Charlotte and our program than the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. Our entire organization is extremely proud of Charlotte and what she has done to bring our program to another level of success. She will go down as one of the most popular student-athletes we have had on our campus," head coach Patrick Murphy said. "If Alabama athletics were to sell softball jerseys, No. 34 would be the biggest seller. Kids from Gulf Shores to Guntersville know Charlotte Morgan by name and face. She has been the face of our program for four years by not only playing great on the field but by also being a presence in the community throughout her career."

Morgan has played an important role in her team's and university's community service efforts. She helped coordinate Project Angel Tree and a canned food drive for the West Alabama Food Bank. She also speaks to numerous local youth groups and schools about the importance of academics and teamwork.

"Charlotte has proven to be a threat to opponents on the softball diamond as both a pitcher and an offensive force," said **Tom Lamb**, Lowe's senior vice president of marketing. "But her contributions to the university and Tuscaloosa over her four years as a student are just as compelling and explain her importance as a leader on and off the field."

This marks the fourth year for the softball division of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. University of Florida pitcher **Stacey Nelson** received the award for the 2009 season and Virginia Tech pitcher **Angela Tincher** took home the 2008 honor. In 2007, University of Arizona outfielder **Caitlin Lowe** won the inaugural softball award.

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ABOUT THE AWARD

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*[®], 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[®] 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[®], and managed by Premier Sports Management. For more information, visit 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 and 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

| Name | Position | School |
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| Chelsea Bramlett | Catcher | Mississippi State University |
| Francesca Enea | Outfield | University of Florida |
| Alissa Haber | Outfield | Stanford University |
| Charlotte Morgan | Designated Player/Pitcher/First Base | University of Alabama |
| Nikki Nemitz | Pitcher | University of Michigan |

Senior All-America Second Team

| Name | Position | School |
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| Becca Heteniak | Pitcher/Designated Player | DePaul University |
| Tiffany Huff | Catcher/First Base | University of Tennessee |
| Molly Johnson | Shortstop | University of Kentucky |
| Megan Langenfeld | Pitcher/First Base | UCLA |
| Nicole Pauly | Second Base | Northwestern University |