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Baseball Candidates Announced

for 2022 Senior CLASS Award

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (March 22, 2022)** – Thirty NCAA® baseball student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected as candidates today for the 2022 Senior CLASS Award®.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior or graduate student and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates follows this release.

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.

The 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists later in the season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches, and fans, who will select one candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four C’s of community, classroom, character, and competition.

The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the 2022 College World Series® in June.

For more information on all of the candidates, visit [SeniorCLASSAward.com](https://www.seniorclassaward.com).

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**2022 Senior CLASS Award Baseball Candidates**

**Easton Bertrand**, Minnesota **Kyle Muller**, Rutgers

**Chris Cannizzaro**, Bucknell **Jake Noviello**, Fairfield

**Evan Chenier**, VCU **Sam Novitske**, Oregon

**Cam Chick**, Nebraska **Caden O’Brien**, North Carolina

**Juan Colato**, Grand Canyon **Nick Parker**, Coastal Carolina

**Hunter Cooley**, FAU **Austin Peterson**, UConn

**Connor Denning**, Campbell **Christian Policelli**, Navy

**Joshua Figueroa**, UIC **RJ Schreck**, Duke

**Chris Gonzalez**, Stetson **Jack Smith**, Washington State

**Bryce Hellgeth**, Dayton **Tanner Smith**, Oregon

**Cody Jefferis**, San Diego **Kolby Somers**, Oregon

**Dominic Keegan**, Vanderbilt **Tyler Thomas**, Baylor

**Ben Klutts**, Arkansas State **Mitchell Verburg**, Oregon State

**Jake Kuchmaner**, East Carolina **Alex Williams**, Stanford

**Julio Marcano**, NJIT **Jake Wyandt**, Auburn

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**ABOUT THE AWARD**

An acronym for C*elebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the [Senior CLASS Award](http://www.seniorclassaward.com/) 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.

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