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2008-09 Big West Male Scholar Athletes of the Year

Ryan Lee, Cal Poly (Los Altos, Calif.) – A three-year letterwinner on the Cal Poly baseball team, Ryan was an All-Big West Honorable Mention selection in 2008 and earned the Dick Morrow Coaches Award. A Business Major specializing in Management, Ryan hit .357 with 11 doubles, three triples and 21 RBI last season. He has qualified for the Dean's List four times and earned a spot on the Big West All-Academic Team in the spring of 2008. In his spare time, he has assisted with off-campus baseball camps and the San Luis Obispo County Special Olympics. Ryan hopes to play baseball professionally or in another country, but also wants to pursue a career in business.

Joe Scott, Cal State Fullerton (Corona, Calif.) – Known as "Joe Titan," Scott personifies the image of Cal State Fullerton baseball as a team-first player who puts the team's success before any individual accomplishments. Scott missed the first one-third of the 2008 season, but he sparked the Titans with his stellar defensive play as they notched a Big West title, regional championship and Super Regional berth. A 41st round pick by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 2008 Major League Baseball Draft, he hit .294 with 10 RBI last season as the team's second baseman. Joe, a Kinesiology major, was chosen to the Dean's List in the Fall of 2008 and serves on the Titan Hall of Fame Committee. His long term goals are to play professional baseball for as long as possible and teach physical education.

Ryan Pineda, Cal State Northridge (Las Vegas, Nev.) – Ryan burst onto the collegiate baseball scene in his first season with the Matadors, earning 2008 Big West Freshman Player of the Year and Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American honors. Heavily involved in his community, he is a church choir member and volunteer and read to kids at libraries and schools during the summer. A marketing and management major, Pineda posted the team's third-highest batting average, led the team in runs with 38 and tied for the team lead in hits with 72. He one day hopes to play professional baseball or work as an economist in business or government.

Shane Peterson, Long Beach State (Temecula, Calif.) – Shane is a two-time Big West Scholar-Athlete of the Year for Long Beach State. He signed a professional baseball contract last summer after being drafted in the second round by the St. Louis Cardinals. The 2008 Big West Co-Player of the Year, Peterson also garnered Third Team All-American honors. A .390 hitter with seven homers, 16 doubles and 50 RBI, Peterson also was recognized as a CoSIDA All-American and a six-time member of the President's List. Off the diamond, Shane is involved with Miller's Children's Hospital and the Spark of Love Toy Drive. The finance major also volunteered at local Little Leagues and helped raise nearly \$1,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Foundation.

Adam Borchard, UC Davis (Davis, Calif.) – Adam has excelled in both the swimming pool and the classroom for UC Davis. He was ranked No. 1 in a class of 828 freshmen in the College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences at the conclusion of Fall 2007, and hasn't let up, earning Dean's List honors for three consecutive quarters. Athletically, Adam competed solidly for the Aggies at the 2008 Big West Championships, finishing fourth in the 500 free, 8th in the 1000 free and 6th in the 1650 free. An Environmental Science & Management major, Adam is a UCP Saddle Pals Therapeutic Riding Center volunteer, helping children with developmental and physical disabilities. Adam plans to attend law school at the conclusion of his undergraduate studies.

Eric Pettis, UC Irvine (West Hills, Calif.) – Eric is a junior on the baseball team and one of the nation's top relief pitchers. In 2008, he tied the UC Irvine single season record with 17 saves and finished second in the nation in that category. Pettis was 4-3 on the mound with a 2.62 ERA, fanning 50 in 44.2 innings. For his efforts, he earned second team Louisville Slugger Collegiate Baseball and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association All-America honors. Eric also was a third team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and an All-Big West first team honoree. A psychology major, Eric aspires to become a professional baseball player and a PGA Golfer when he retires.

Joey Gonzales, UC Riverside (Riverside, Calif.) – A junior political science major, Joey garnered 2007 Big West Freshman Player of the Year recognition. He is a career .342 hitter with an on base percentage of .408. Gonzales also earned Freshman All-American honors and is a two-time All-Big West recipient.

Chris Good, UC Santa Barbara (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) – Chris achieved the distinction of 2008 Big West champion in the 200 Backstroke at the conference's swimming and diving championship. He holds the school record in that event and finished 24th overall at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trails. A swim team co-captain in 2009 and biology major, Good is working toward becoming an orthodontist.

Matthew Lundy, Pacific (Lafayette, Colo.) – Matthew is a four-year letterwinner on the men's swimming and diving team. He owns the school's fastest times in the 1000 Free and 1600 Free during the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons. He set the school record in the 1000 in 2007-08. His accomplishments aren't restricted to the pool. Matthew is a member of the Pacific Dean's Honor Roll, the Pacific Athletic Director's Honor Roll and the President of Pacific's Climbing Club. The Most Outstanding Male Newcomer for the Tigers in 2005-06, Matthew, an Applied Mathematics major, plans to attend graduate school. He participated in the National Science Foundation sponsored Research Experience for Undergraduates and presented at Pacific's Undergraduate Research Conference.