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### *Assumption's Baillargeon Named Baseball Player of the Year*

**South Easton, Mass.** – Assumption College senior second baseman *Mike Baillargeon (Worcester, Mass.)* was named the 2009 Northeast-10 Baseball Player of the Year as voted by the conference's head coaches.

Baillargeon helped lead Assumption to the Northeast-10 Championship final as the Greyhounds finished conference play with a 20-9-1 record. Assumption is 32-19-1 overall thus far and the 32 wins marks a program record for victories in a season. He currently ranks among the conference leaders in a number of offensive categories and ranks first in runs (55), hits (77) and home runs (11). Baillargeon is hitting .379, which is fifth best in the NE-10 and has driven in 44 runs to go along with a .635 slugging percentage and a .453 on-base percentage. In addition, he was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team for the second straight season.

Franklin Pierce University junior starting pitcher *Kyle Vazquez (Berlin, Conn.)* was selected the 2009 Northeast-10 Pitcher of the Year. Vazquez recorded a career high eight victories this year as he helped lead the Ravens to the Northeast-10 Regular Season Title and their third straight Northeast-10 Championship. He currently ranks second in wins, earned run average (1.77) and innings pitched (86.1), while leading the NE-10 with 103 strikeouts. Vazquez has held opposing batters to a .206 average, fourth best in the conference, and has only issued 19 walks in 86.1 innings. He was also named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team for the first time in his collegiate career after earning Third Team honors in 2008.

The post-season honors continue for Franklin Pierce as Vazquez's teammate *Mike Dowd (East Bridgewater, Mass.)* and Southern Connecticut State University's *Ryan Geffert (Plymouth, Pa.)* were named the 2009 Northeast-10 Co-Freshmen of the Year.

In his first year of collegiate play, Dowd currently leads the Ravens in hitting with a .393 average and ranks third among the Northeast-10 leaders. He ranks in the top ten in a number of offensive categories, including leading the NE-10 in hits (77) and on-base percentage (.464). Dowd is fifth in runs (46), seventh in home runs (7), RBI (43) and slugging percentage (.587). In addition, he was named to All-Northeast-10 First Team and the All-Rookie Team.

Geffert made an immediate impact for Southern Connecticut in his first year of play as he led the team in hitting with a .375 average and helped the Owls advance to the Northeast-10 Championships. He is ranked third in the conference with 15 doubles, nine home runs and an on-base percentage of .448. Geffert also finished the year with 54 RBI, second best in the NE-10, and scored 36 runs, while slugging a conference best .637. Geffert was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team as well as the All-Rookie Team.

The University of Massachusetts Lowell starting pitcher *Jack Leathersich (Beverly, Mass.)* was selected the 2009 Northeast-10 Freshman Pitcher of the Year. In his first year pitching at the collegiate level, Leathersich finished the year with a 7-4 record as the River Hawks advanced to the Northeast-10 Championships. In ranks in the top ten in nearly every pitching category including wins (4<sup>th</sup>), ERA (2.18 - 7<sup>th</sup>), earned runs (17 - 5<sup>th</sup>), strikeouts (63 - 8<sup>th</sup>) and opposing batting average (.226 - 8<sup>th</sup>). In addition, Leathersich was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team and the All-Rookie Team.

Assumption head coach George Reidy was voted the 2009 Northeast-10 Coach of the Year by his peers. Reidy helped guide the Greyhounds to a school record 32 wins and were the finalist in this year's Northeast-10 Championship. Assumption finished conference play with a 20-9-1 record and are currently 32-19-1.

With 15 member institutions the Northeast-10 is the second largest NCAA Division II athletic conference in the nation. Its 23 championship sports provide athletic opportunities for over 5,500 student-athletes, the largest such program of any Division II conference.

**2009 Northeast-10 Conference  
Baseball All-Conference Teams**

<b>First Team</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Mike Dowd	Fr.	Catcher	Franklin Pierce	East Bridgewater, Mass.
Ryan Geffert	Fr.	First Base	So. Connecticut	Plymouth, Pa.
Mike Baillargeon	Sr.	Second Base	Assumption	Worcester, Mass.
Mike DiReda	Sr.	Third Base	Assumption	Shrewsbury, Mass.
Andre Liscinsky	Sr.	Shortstop	Pace	Trumbull, Conn.
Jeff Bercume	Sr.	Outfield	Merrimack	Leicester, Mass.
Karl Derbacher	Sr.	Outfield	So. Connecticut	Northford, Conn.
Derek Migrants	Jr.	Outfield	Assumption	Ayer, Mass.
James Roche	So.	Outfield	Bentley	Arlington, Mass.
Derek Ingui	So.	DH	Franklin Pierce	Sterling, Mass.
Tom Cote	Sr.	Starting Pitcher	Franklin Pierce	Swanzy, N.H.
Matt Giusti	Sr.	Starting Pitcher	Stonehill	Hopkinton, Mass.
Jack Leathersich	Fr.	Starting Pitcher	UMass Lowell	Beverly, Mass.
Kyle Vazquez	Jr.	Starting Pitcher	Franklin Pierce	Berlin, Conn.
Rob Nicholas	So.	Relief Pitcher	Franklin Pierce	Northboro, Mass.
Ted Lerud	Sr.	Utility	Franklin Pierce	Hampden, Mass.
<b>Second Team</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Jimmy Rivas	Sr.	Catcher	New Haven	Toa Baja, PR/Monroe College
Ben Waldrip	Fr.	First Base	Saint Anselm	Medford, Mass.
Charlie Pagliarulo	Jr.	Second Base	Bentley	Medford, Mass.
Tom Rombilus	So.	Third Base	New Haven	Monroe, Conn.
Shawn Frigon	So.	Shortstop	Assumption	Worcester, Mass.
Brett Damato	Jr.	Outfield	Bentley	Commack, N.Y.
Cliff Hicks	Gr.	Outfield	Franklin Pierce	Merrimack, N.H.
Kevin Rivers	Jr.	Outfield	Franklin Pierce	Bristol, Conn.
Steve Scannell	Sr.	Outfield	Assumption	Worcester, Mass.
Derek Marshall	Jr.	DH	Saint Rose	Malone, N.Y.
Rob Finneran	So.	Starting Pitcher	Bentley	Garden City, N.Y.
Ted Haley	So.	Starting Pitcher	UMass Lowell	Cranston, R.I.
Chris Smith	Jr.	Starting Pitcher	New Haven	Shelton, Conn.
Jeremiah St. Louis	Sr.	Starting Pitcher	Saint Rose	Tupper Lake, N.Y.
Tim Dupuis	Jr.	Relief Pitcher	Assumption	West Suffield, Conn.
Scott Hackett	So.	Utility	Stonehill	Bangor, Maine

<b>Third Team</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Jared Notargiacomo	Jr.	Catcher	UMass Lowell	Newburyport, Mass.
Tim Scafidi	Jr.	First Base	Assumption	Worcester, Mass.
Evan Okon	Sr.	Second Base	New Haven	Bellmore, N.Y.
Brendan Pyburn	Jr.	Third Base	Merrimack	Peabody, Mass.
Sam Greenberg	Fr.	Short Stop	So. Connecticut	Guilford, Conn.
Joe Cotone	Sr.	Outfield	Pace	Yorktown Hts., N.Y.
Pete Onorato	Jr.	Outfield	UMass Lowell	Clarence Center, N.Y.
Ryan Price	Jr.	Outfield	Saint Rose	Binghamton, N.Y.
Nate Weber	Sr.	Outfield	Stonehill	Hanson, Mass.
Eric Schlitter	Fr.	DH	So. Connecticut	Guilford, Conn.
Jeff Barbale	Sr.	Starting Pitcher	Assumption	Charlton, Mass.
Ed Bethke	Jr.	Starting Pitcher	So. Connecticut	Branford, Conn.
Ryan McNeil	Jr.	Starting Pitcher	Merrimack	Lynnfield, Mass.
Ryan Quinn	Sr.	Starting Pitcher	So. New Hampshire	Lebanon, Conn.
Dallas Nunes	Fr.	Relief Pitcher	UMass Lowell	Easton, Mass.
Mike Foley	So.	Utility	Assumption	Worcester, Mass.

<b>All-Rookie Team</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Frank Flynn	Fr.	DH/SP	Assumption	Worcester, Mass.
Dan Murphy	Fr.	Starting Pitcher	Bentley	Garden City, N.Y.
Mike Dowd	Fr.	Catcher	Franklin Pierce	East Bridgewater, Mass.
Ben Benigno	Fr.	Third Base	Franklin Pierce	Trumbull, Conn.
Pat Devlin	Fr.	Second Base	UMass Lowell	Tewksbury, Mass.
Dallas Nunes	Fr.	Relief Pitcher	UMass Lowell	Easton, Mass.
Jack Leathersich	Fr.	Starting Pitcher	UMass Lowell	Beverly, Mass.
Cory Carr	Fr.	Third Base	New Haven	Jackson, N.J.
Ben Waldrip	Fr.	First Base/DH	Saint Anselm	Medford, Mass.
Michael Carbone	Fr.	Second Base	Saint Rose	Montreal, Quebec
Ryan Geffert	Fr.	First Base	So. Connecticut	Plymouth, Pa.
Sam Greenberg	Fr.	Shortstop	So. Connecticut	Guilford, Conn.
Eric Schlitter	Fr.	DH	So. Connecticut	Guilford, Conn.
Ryan Yerina	Fr.	Starting Pitcher	So. Connecticut	Trumbull, Conn.

Player of the Year: Mike Baillargeon, Assumption

Pitcher of the Year: Kyle Vazquez, Franklin Pierce

Co-Freshmen of the Year: Mike Dowd, Franklin Pierce and Ryan Geffert, So. Connecticut

Freshman Pitcher of the Year: Jack Leathersich, UMass Lowell

Coach of the Year: George Reidy, Assumption