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**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FORMER BASEBALL STANDOUT,
SLADE HEATHCOTT,
NAMED 2009 RAWLINGS GOLD GLOVE AWARD WINNER**

Texarkana, TX – Rawlings in conjunction with the American Baseball Coaches Association recently announced that former Texas High School baseball standout, Slade Heathcott, was named a 2009 Collegiate and High School Rawlings Gold Glove Award winner.

Heathcott, currently with the New York Yankees, was the 29th overall pick in the first round. Coming out of Texas High School as a successful outfielder and pitcher, he was ranked 72 overall in the 2009 draft class and 10th best in the state of Texas.

The Rawlings Gold Glove has been the standard for outstanding defensive play in the Major Leagues for over half a century. In honor of the award's 50th Anniversary in 2007, the award expanded to the collegiate and high school levels.

The collegiate and high school Rawlings Gold Glove Awards are awarded to nine players at each of the following levels: NCAA Divisions I, II, and III, Pacific Association, NAIA, Junior College Divisions I, II, III, and high school. Winners were announced during each division's post-season tournaments. Each winner will receive their own Rawlings Gold Glove Award. Rawlings will also provide institutions with a duplicate award in recognition of each player's achievement. "Our company is proud to see that defense is being recognized and rewarded at all levels of play," said Rawlings President and General Manager Robert Parish. "These elite athletes deserve tremendous recognition for their fielding skills and contribution to the game of baseball."

Nomination and voting for the NCAA Rawlings Gold Glove Awards mirrors that of the ABCA's Rawlings College All-American Awards. Coaches can nominate players by contacting their regional chair. The selection process will culminate at the three divisions' national baseball tournaments.

The 2009 collegiate and high school recipients of the Rawlings Gold Glove Award are as follows:

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2009 RAWLINGS/ABCA NCAA DIVISION I GOLD GLOVE TEAM

| | | | |
|----|-----------------|---------------------------------|----|
| 1B | Darin Ruf | Creighton University | NE |
| 2B | Vincente Cafaro | Creighton University | NE |
| 3B | Brett Henry | Troy University | AL |
| SS | Ben Orloff | University of California Irvine | CA |
| OF | Tyler Holt | Florida State University | FL |
| OF | A.J. Pollack | University of Notre Dame | IN |
| OF | Trent Mummey | Auburn University | AL |
| P | Nick Greenwood | University of Rhode Island | RI |
| C | Micah Gibbs | Louisiana State University | LA |

2009 RAWLINGS/ABCA NCAA DIVISION II GOLD GLOVE TEAM

| | | | |
|----|-------------------|------------------------------------|----|
| 1B | Kevin Seaver | University of California-Chico | CA |
| 2B | Chris Hall | Abilene Christian University | TX |
| 3B | Josh Tanner | University of California San Diego | CA |
| SS | Vance Albitz | University of California San Diego | CA |
| OF | Shannon Wilkerson | Augusta State University | GA |
| OF | Tyson Rowland | Ashland University | OH |
| OF | Jason Ten Eyck | Lynn University | FL |
| P | Tim Shibuya | University of California San Diego | CA |
| C | Kyle Holloway | Lynn University | FL |

2009 RAWLINGS/ABCA NCAA DIVISION III GOLD GLOVE TEAM

| | | | |
|----|-------------------|------------------------------|----|
| 1B | Brandon Isaac | Concordia University Chicago | IL |
| 2B | Mike Mocerì | Kean University | NJ |
| 3B | Dan Leslie | University of St. Thomas | MN |
| SS | Todd Meyers | Adrian College | MI |
| OF | Stephen Pinto | Manhattanville College | NY |
| OF | Greg Ferrell | Mount Union College | OH |
| OF | Chris Newell | Western New England College | MA |
| P | Ethan Guevin | Carleton College | MN |
| C | Mike Galeotafiore | The College of New Jersey | NJ |

2009 RAWLINGS/ABCA PACIFIC DIVISION GOLD GLOVE TEAM

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|----|-------------------|-----------------------------|----|
| 1B | Justin Cooper | Wenatchee Valley College | WA |
| 2B | Taylor Heon | Skyline College | CA |
| 3B | James Frederick | San Bernardino | CA |
| SS | Keith Jennette | Sierra College | CA |
| OF | Rick Hughes | College of Marin | CA |
| OF | Collin Bennett | Tacoma Community College | WA |
| OF | Darrell Ceciliani | Columbia Basin | WA |
| P | Taylor Hill | Clackamas Community College | OR |
| C | Anthony Jakosa | Merced College | CA |

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2009 RAWLINGS/ABCA NAIA DIVISION GOLD GLOVE TEAM

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|----|---------------------|--------------------------------|----|
| 1B | Nick Lenzendorf | Viterbo University | WI |
| 2B | Ryan Lopez | Mount Mercy College | IA |
| 3B | Mike Pettibone | Kansas Wesleyan University | KS |
| SS | Jon Ubbenga | William Jewell College | MO |
| P | Bryant McCann | Hastings College | NE |
| OF | Nick D'Amico | Lyon College | AR |
| OF | Kurt Steinhauer | Point Loma Nazarene University | CA |
| OF | Brauncy Jenkins Jr. | Southern Wesleyan University | SC |
| C | Brett Chamberlain | Bellevue University | NE |

2009 RAWLINGS/ABCA NJCAA DIVISION I GOLD GLOVE TEAM

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----|
| 1B | Blake Parrott | Gordon College | GA |
| 2B | Mike Stiles | Western Nevada College | NV |
| SS | Peter Mooney | Palm Beach Community College | FL |
| 3B | Casey McCollum | Eastern Oklahoma State College | OK |
| C | Miles Hamblin | Howard College | TX |
| OF | Nicholas Rosethenhausler | South Mountain Community College | AZ |
| OF | Runey Davis | Howard College | TX |
| OF | Patrick Deao | Neosho County Community College | KS |
| P | Jimmy Patterson | Central Arizona College | AZ |

2009 RAWLINGS/ABCA NJCAA DIVISION II GOLD GLOVE TEAM

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|----|---------------|---------------------------------------|----|
| 1B | Joe Correia | Community College of Rhode Island | RI |
| 2B | Tyler Robbins | Des Moines Area Community College | IA |
| SS | Deryk Marks | Iowa Central Community College | IA |
| 3B | Luke Valerius | Scottsdale Community College | AZ |
| C | Glen Jenkins | Community College of Baltimore County | MD |
| OF | Seth Granger | LSU – Eunice | LA |
| OF | Chris Barker | Madison Area Technical College | WI |
| OF | Tyler Falco | Glendale Community College | AZ |
| P | Mark Royer | Cecil College | MD |

2009 ABCA/RAWLINGS NJCAA DIVISION III GOLD GLOVE TEAM

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|----|------------------|---------------------------------|----|
| 1B | Alex McCluskey | Joliet Junior College | IL |
| 2B | Ivan Rodriguez | Brookdale Community College | NJ |
| 3B | Steve Tansey | Union County College | NJ |
| SS | Sean Jamieson | Niagra County Community College | NY |
| OF | Nathan Voll | Itasca Community College | MN |
| OF | Cory Gummelt | Brookhaven College | TX |
| OF | Keith Sacarakis | Northampton Community College | PA |
| P | Zach Vlietstra | Riverland Community College | MN |
| C | Keith Weinkofsky | Brookdale Community College | NJ |

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2009 ABCA/RAWLINGS HIGH SCHOOL GOLD GLOVE TEAM

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|-----------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1B | Colton Cane | Waxahachie High School | TX |
| 2B | David Nick | Cypress High School | CA |
| SS | Mychal Givens | Plant High School | FL |
| 3B | Jiovanni Mier | Bonita High School | CA |
| OF | Everett Williams | McCallum High School | TX |
| OF | Slade Heathcott | Texas High School | TX |
| OF | Donavan Tate | Cartersville High School | GA |
| P | Jordon Poryer | Astoria High School | OR |
| C | Steven Baron | John A. Ferguson High School | FL |

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