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FOUNDATION RELEASES INITIAL WATCH LIST FOR SHORTSTOP AWARD

LUBBOCK, Texas — After a month of exciting college baseball action across the country, the College Baseball Foundation has released the initial Brooks Wallace Award Watch List.

The Wallace Award, sponsored by Mizuno, recognizes the nation's top shortstop and will be presented on July 2 in Lubbock, Texas, as part of the College Baseball Awards Show.

Wallace Award committee co-chairs Kevin Dunagan and Tyler Young worked closely with the staff at the College Baseball Blog to ensure the best Division I shortstops were included.

"There are players on the list with some very impressive statistics," Dunagan said. "The College Baseball Blog was very helpful in making sure that we found the outstanding candidates regardless of school or conference."

The ACC and SEC lead all conferences with five players each on the watch list. The Atlantic Sun Conference features four players on the list.

Two players who were finalists for the 2009 Wallace Award return to the initial 2010 list.

Christian Colon of Cal State Fullerton is hitting .268 in 56 at-bats. He also has a .955 fielding percentage.

Jedd Gyorko of West Virginia is hitting .375 in 56 at-bats with six doubles and four home runs.

Leading the list in RBIs is Sam Roberts of the Virginia Military Institute. He has recorded 29 RBIs on the season, along with a .400 batting average and a .981 fielding percentage.

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Ryan Soares of George Mason leads the list in batting average, hitting .500 in 34 at-bats.

“This is already an outstanding list of players, but it’s certainly not finished,” Young said. “It will be exciting to see how this list changes as players continue to improve and make an impact on this season.”

The College Baseball Awards Show is part of a nearly weeklong schedule of festivities sponsored by the College Baseball Foundation. The events also include the induction ceremony for the National College Baseball Hall of Fame.

BROOKS WALLACE AWARD WATCH LIST

Name	School	Conference
Josh Rutledge	Alabama	SEC
Drew Maggi	Arizona State	Pac 10
Tim Carver	Arkansas	SEC
Clint Moore	Army	Patriot
Casey McElroy	Auburn	SEC
Raynor Campbell	Baylor	Big 12
Christian Colon	Cal State Fullerton	Big West
Marcus Semien	California	Pac 10
Nick Ahmed	Connecticut	Big East
Travis Meiners	Dallas Baptist	Independent
Richie Rodriguez	Eastern Kentucky	Ohio Valley
Neal Pritchard	Elon	Southern
Nick DelGuidice	Florida Atlantic	Sun Belt
Stephen Wickens	Florida Gulf Coast	Atlantic Sun
Stephen Cardullo	Florida State	ACC
Ryan Soares	George Mason	Colonial
Carl Moniz	Georgia State	Colonial
Derek Dietrich	Georgia Tech	ACC
Ryan Strausborger	Indiana State	MVC
Jamaal Hawkins	Jacksonville	Atlantic Sun
Carter Jurica	Kansas State	Big 12
Adam Duvall	Louisville	Big East
Austin Nola	LSU	SEC
Richard Curylo	Marist	MAAC
Evan Boyd	Mercer	Atlantic Sun
Jonathan Roof	Michigan State	Big 10
AJ Pettersen	Minnesota	Big 10
Drew Lee	Morehead State	Ohio Valley
Ryan Aguayo	New Mexico State	WAC
Ryan Graepel	North Carolina	ACC

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Andrew Hannon	North Florida	Atlantic Sun
Tyler Saladino	Oral Roberts	Summit League
Danny Pulfer	Oregon	Pac 10
Ben Gorang	Pacific	Big West
Danny Lopez	Pittsburgh	Big East
Rick Hague	Rice	Conference USA
Justin Viele	Santa Clara	WCC
Dexter Kelley	Savannah State	MEAC
Scott Wingo	South Carolina	SEC
Justin Boudreaux	Southeastern Louisiana	Southland
BA Vollmuth	Southern Miss	Conference USA
Jerome Pena	TCU	Mountain West
Kenny Jackson	Texas A&M	Big 12
Ray Hernandez	Texas Southern	SWAC
Adam Bryant	Troy	Sun Belt
Garrett Cannizaro	Tulane	Conference USA
Matt Valaika	UC Santa Barbara	Big West
Tyler Cannon	Virginia	ACC
Sam Roberts	Virginia Military	Big South
Tim Smalling	Virginia Tech	ACC
Jedd Gyorko	West Virginia	Big East
Ryan McMillin	Western Michigan	MAC
Tyler Grimes	Wichita State	MVC
Matt Pierpont	Winthrop	Big South

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