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**Smith Recognized As  
National Coach of the Year**

**BIG SPRING** – The Howard College Board of Trustees will recognize Howard College Hawk Baseball coach Britt Smith for his award as 2009 Diamond / American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) NJCAA Division I National Coach of the Year during their regularly scheduled meeting Monday, January 25th.

A ceremony honoring Smith will be held during pre-game festivities of the Hawk men's basketball game Monday night beginning at approximately 7:15 pm in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

In addition to Smith's ceremony, the 2010 Hawk Baseball team will be introduced during Monday night's activities.

Smith led the Hawks to their 2009 National Championship and 63-1 national record breaking season.

He received the award from ABCA and Diamond Sports at their annual banquet held in Dallas earlier this year.

"We are so proud of Coach Smith and what he has done for Hawk baseball," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College President. "He is a leader, role model and excellent coach and we are proud to have him at the helm of Hawk baseball."

Smith has navigated the Hawks through 6 seasons posting the highest win percentage of any Hawk baseball coach with a .742% average. He has a record of 259 wins and 90 losses. His program has produced 8 NJCAA All-Americans.

After leading the Hawks through their storybook season Smith was tagged as the WJCAC, NJCAA Southwestern District and NJCAA National Coach of the Year.

"We are very fortunate to have a coach of this caliber at Howard College," said Sparks. "Coach Smith is an asset to this organization and our students and we are proud that he is leading our baseball program to new heights."

On their way to the national championship the Hawks posted a 57-0 win streak that broke the record for the longest undefeated streak at any level of college baseball.

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