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**Howard College Hawks Dominate
Baseball WJCAC All Conference Team**

BIG SPRING – The Howard College Hawks Baseball Team has performed as a strong unit throughout their season, breaking records, winning regional championships and handing out solid performances game after game. In recognition of those efforts, they were rewarded with 10 spots in the 2009 WJCAC All Conference Team and the top conference awards as they head off to the National Junior College World Series tournament.

Monk Kreder was tapped as the Conference Most Valuable Player while teammate Zach Neal was tagged as the Conference Most Valuable Pitcher and head coach Britt Smith was named Conference Coach of the Year.

“I am proud of all of our student athletes and our coaching staff as well,” said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President of Howard College. “I am pleased to see them get this recognition by the conference that they so rightly deserve.”

The 2009 WJCAC All Conference Team filled out with Hawks as follows:

Pitchers: Zach Neal, Dylan Cacciola, Anthony Collazo

Infielders: Monk Kreder, Bryan Johns, Andrew Collazo

Outfielders: Caleb Nine, Joe Leftridge

Catchers: Miles Hamblin

Designated Hitter: Will Calhoun

Rounding out the Honorable Mention list for the Hawks were:

Blake Barnes, Runey Davis, Nick Popescu, B.J. Armstrong, Tommy Vukovich, Stephen Niedwiecki, Burch Smith, Duncan McGee, Chase Adams and Hunter Hill.

In addition, the WJCAC All Star Team for 2009 placed 4 Hawks in the spotlight:

Outfielders: Joe Leftridge

Pitchers: Blake Barnes, Burch Smith and Duncan McGee

“These guys have left it all on the field for this team throughout the season,” said Head Coach Britt Smith. “This recognition is well deserved and I am honored to be their coach and a part of their success.”

The Hawks will be playing for the national title in Grand Junction, Colorado at the NJCAA Division 1 Junior College World Series May 23-30.

For more information on Howard College Athletics and the Hawk Baseball Team, please call 264-5000 or visit www.hchawk.com or www.howardcollege.edu