



Top high school athletes win Ferguson Jenkins Awards

Awards to be presented by Advanced Academics at Warren Spahn Award Gala on January 20th

OKLAHOMA CITY (December 16, 2010) — Warren Spahn Award Gala organizers announced today the winners of the Ferguson Jenkins Awards, presented annually to the state's top high school baseball and softball players and coaches.

Richard Hendricks, director of the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame Museum Annex in Guthrie and board member for the Warren Spahn Award Gala, said the Oklahoma Coaches Association selects winners based on athletic and scholastic achievement.

“These individuals are selected as award winners because they will likely continue Oklahoma’s national status as a producer of great ball players. They are of high character, and their coaches identify them as leaders, both athletically and scholastically.”

The baseball winners are: Archie Bradley, Broken Arrow High School; Mason Hope, Broken Arrow High School; Dylan Bundy, Owasso High School; Clayton Blackburn, Edmond Santa Fe High School; and Michael Fullmer, Deer Creek High School.

The softball winners are: Whitney Robinson, Carl Albert High School; Erica Sampson, Tahlequah High School; Kylie Lang, Yukon High School; Peyton Watson, Little Axe High School; and Nicole Workman, Tuttle High School.

The baseball coach honoree is Larry Turner of Owasso High School and the softball coach honoree is Mike Bread of Little Axe High School.

Sponsored by Advanced Academics, the Ferguson Jenkins Awards are presented to honor Baseball Hall of Famer Ferguson Jenkins, who helped establish the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame Museum Annex in Guthrie in 1992. Jenkins was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991, after a 19-year career as a power pitcher. He led Major League Baseball in wins from 1967 to 1980.

“It’s great to meet the youngsters every year and celebrate their accomplishments in athletics and scholastics,” Jenkins said. “They really enjoy coming to the Warren Spahn Award Gala and being recognized by the state’s top business, community and sports leaders for their outstanding work.”

The Ferguson Jenkins Awards will be presented at the Warren Spahn Award Gala on January 20th at the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame & Jim Thorpe Museum in Oklahoma City. The gala is hosted by the Bricktown Rotary Club and Jim Thorpe Association.

Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price is the headliner award recipient as winner of the Warren Spahn Award, presented annually to the best left-handed pitcher in Major League Baseball. The award is presented to honor Oklahoman and National Baseball Hall of Famer Warren Spahn. Spahn holds the Major League Baseball record of 363 wins as a left-handed pitcher making him the winningest left-handed pitcher in Major League Baseball history.

The gala will also honor “Voice of the Cowboys” Dave Hunziker as winner of the Bill Teegins Award, which is presented annually to an outstanding sportscaster with Oklahoma ties.

For more information about the Warren Spahn Award Gala or to purchase tickets, visit OKCSpahnAwards.com.