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**2021 Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year Award
presented by the Kamerion Wimbley Foundation Semifinalists Announced**

WICHITA, KANSAS – The Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission announced today the seventeen semifinalists for the Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year Award. They are (in alphabetical order):

Eric Bigani	JR	UNLV
Drew Blakely	JR	Richmond
Henry Davis	SO	Louisville
Adrian Del Castillo	SO	University of Miami
Hayden Dunhurst	SO	Ole Miss
Braxton Fulford	JR	Texas Tech
Hunter Goodman	SO	Memphis
Wyatt Hendrie	SO	San Diego State
Coltyn Kessler	SR	Kentucky
Mat Nelson	SO	Florida State
Drake Osborne	SR	Louisiana
Straton Podaras	SR	Radford
CJ Rodriguez	SO	Vanderbilt
Daniel Susac	FR	Arizona
Logan Tanner	FR	Mississippi State
Andy Thomas	SR	Baylor
Nick Thornquist	SR	UTSA

Catchers on the watch list were nominated by their schools. Statistics to compare them were pulled on May 6, 2021. One key criterion in determining the semifinalists is that they must be the starting catcher for their team in 70% of the games. This year there were several offensively strong nominees that did not meet the criteria to move forward in the selection process.

Ballots will be sent to the national voting panel at the end of May for a vote to determine the three finalists. The finalists will be announced June 7, 2021. A final vote among the national committee will occur during the College World Series. All finalists will be brought to Wichita and the winner will be announced at the 23rd Annual Greater Wichita Sports Banquet on July 1, 2021.

Previous National Collegiate Catchers of the Year are:

2019	Adley Rutschman, Oregon State University	2009	J.T. Wise, University of Oklahoma
2018	Joey Bart, Georgia Tech	2008	Buster Posey, Florida State University
2017	Matt Whatley, Oral Roberts University	2007	Edward Easley, Mississippi State University
2016	Zack Collins, University of Miami	2006	Jake Smith, East Carolina University
2015	Garrett Stubbs, University of Southern California	2005	Jeff Clement, University of Southern California
2014	Max Pentecost, Kennesaw State University	2004	Kurt Suzuki, Cal State - Fullerton
2013	Stuart Turner, University of Mississippi	2003	Ryan Garko, Stanford University
2012	Mike Zunino, University of Florida	2002	Jeremy Brown, University of Alabama
2011	Jake Lowery, James Madison University	2001	Kelly Shoppach, Baylor University
2010	Bryan Holaday, Texas Christian University	2000	Brad Cresse, Louisiana State University