James DeCesare (John Jay), John Dobkowski (John Jay), Anthony Piccirillo (Staten Island)
Earn Major Awards; John Jay’s Dan Palumbo Named Coach of the Year

Bronx, NY - - - James DeCesare (Moore Catholic/Staten Island, NY), a junior second baseman from John Jay, was named the 2006 CUNYAC Baseball Player of the Year. Teammate John Dobkowski (Grover Cleveland/Brooklyn, NY), a junior right hander was named the Pitcher of the Year. Staten Island freshman outfielder Anthony Piccirillo (Curtis/Staten Island, NY) was named the Rookie of the Year. John Jay head coach Dan Palumbo was named the Coach of the Year.

DeCesare enjoyed a sensational season in helping lead the Bloodhounds to a regular-season CUNYAC title and a perfect 18-0 record. The second baseman led the league in RBI’s (61), hits (68), and doubles (15). In addition, he finished second in the league in batting (.417) and third in total bases (92). “James has been a dominant offensive and defensive force all year and has been a cornerstone to the team excelling in the field as well as the classroom,” said Palumbo.

Dobkowski won a league-high 11 contests on the mound and recorded three complete-games. He led the league in innings pitched (91.1) and finished second in the league in strike outs (78). “John had a great season,” said Palumbo. “He’s our go to guy and always wants the ball, which makes him the kind of ace that team’s need to win championships.”

Piccirillo helped lead the Dolphins to their fourth straight CUNYAC Championship this past season. The outfielder batted .381 (7th in the league), with 11 extra-base hits, 45 runs, 27 RBI’s and 17 stolen bases. He also had a tremendous .443 on base percentage and made just three errors in the field.

Palumbo led the program to a school-record 29 wins and counting as the Bloodhounds have received an invitation to play in the ECAC Tournament this week. John Jay, who won the CUNYAC regular-season title, set a new CUNYAC record for conference victories with 18. “It was an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to coach these young men. Their loyalty and dedication is unsurpassed. This award belongs to all of them.”

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**
James DeCesare, John Jay
John Dobkowski, John Jay
**PITCHER OF THE YEAR**
Anthony Piccirillo, Staten Island
Dan Palumbo, John Jay
**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**
Stephen Hillmann, John Jay, C
Jose Lopez, CCNY, 1B
**COACH OF THE YEAR**
Daniel Lanoue, Mitchell, 2B
Matt Stefanski, Staten Island, 3B
Cesar Chaves, Baruch, SS
Ed Quinn, Mitchell, OF
Kenneth Sepulveda, John Jay, OF
Robert Fernandez, John Jay, OF
Jamie Lee, Staten Island, UT
Sean Perrett, John Jay, DH
Alberto Nieves, Baruch, P
Pat Smith, Staten Island, P

**FIRST TEAM ALL-STARS**
-.400, 39 RBI’s
-.378, 35 RBI’s
-.318, 37 runs
-.372, 32 RBI’s
-.296, 23 runs
-.434, 27 RBI’s
-.388, 41 RBI’s, 26 extra-base hits
-.392, 61 runs, 28 stolen bases
-.315, 11 extra-base hits
-.295
-.4-2, 5.33 ERA
-.5-3, 3.67 ERA

**SECOND TEAM ALL-STARS**
-.369, 23 RBI’s
-.358, 33 RBI’s
-.400, 8 2B
-.372, 12 extra-base hits
-.376, 41 RBI’s
-.305, 34 stolen bases
-.347, 19 stolen bases
-.379, 33 RBI’s
-.339, 27 RBI’s
-.306, 7 2B
-.6-2, 4.47 ERA
-.4-5, 4.57 ERA

**HONORABLE MENTION**
Evan Manzor, Yeshiva, IB
-.283, 7 2B