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## Major Leaguers Honor Local Student Volunteers

*Ryan Spilborghs and Huston Street Recognize Student Leaders  
in National Program to Encourage Youth Volunteerism*

**Denver, CO, Wednesday, May 06, 2009** ... During an on-field ceremony prior to tonight's game, Colorado Rockies players **Ryan Spilborghs** and **Huston Street** will represent all Major Leaguers when they honor 21 high school students serving as Captains of the Denver Action Team®, part of the national service-learning program in which Major League players and high school students are inspiring and training the next generation of volunteers. During the 2008-09 school-year, these Action Team Captains raised awareness about the importance of community involvement among other students in their high schools and organized volunteer activities.

Administered by the Major League Baseball Players Trust and Volunteers of America, the Action Team program encourages young people throughout the United States to volunteer in their communities. To date, Action Teams of high school students and Major Leaguers have inspired more than 17,000 high school students across the country to help over 75,000 people in need by volunteering in their communities. An Action Team service-learning curriculum created by the Players Trust in partnership with *The Wall Street Journal Classroom Edition* teaches valuable community service skills to 700,000 high school students in more than 5,000 classrooms across the country. The Association of Educational Publishers named this innovative service-learning program a finalist for a 2009 Distinguished Achievement Award.

Receiving signed certificates of achievement from the players tonight are Linelle Whitmill, Jumayah Brown, Teague Harrison and Danielle Jumper from Manual High School; Amy Eckert from Castle View High School; Kristen Wieber, Kendall Beram and Riley Lantz from Arapahoe High School; Conor Hulett from Mountain Vista High School; Matthew Farnen from Thunder Ridge; Andrew Elder and Caroline Cramer from Colorado Academy; Alexis Caballero and Taylor Craven from Horizon High School; Lesley Pace from Cherokee Trail High School; Kevin Patterson II and Kyle Patterson from Denver School of the Arts; Cielle Santistevan from South High School; Desiree Phillips and Nicole Phillips from Rangeview High School; Joseph Soto from Aurora Central High School.

Also, Kevin Patterson II from Denver School of the Arts receives a \$1,000 college scholarship from the Major League Baseball Players Trust in recognition of her dedication to community service.

Action Teams are working together in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Maui, Minneapolis, Mobile, New York City, Oakland, Philadelphia, Portland (Maine), San Francisco, San Juan (P.R.), Santa Fe, Seattle, Tampa and Washington D.C.. Beginning in September 2009, virtually every high school in America will be able to join the Action Team by participating in a new Internet version of this unique service-learning program. Action Team applications and additional information can be received by sending an e-mail request to [ActionTeam@mlbpa.org](mailto:ActionTeam@mlbpa.org).

Through the Players Trust, Major Leaguers contribute their time, money and celebrity to call attention to important causes affecting the needy and to help encourage others to get involved in their own communities. For more information on the Major League Baseball Players Trust, please visit [www.MLBPLAYERS.com](http://www.MLBPLAYERS.com) and visit the Players Trust Channel on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/mlbplayerstrust>.