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SOPHOMORES SIGN TO PLAY DIVISION I BASEBALL

(Lamar, Colorado; November 17, 2010) Three sophomores from the Lamar Community College men's baseball team signed national letters of intent to play Division I baseball on Wednesday, Nov. 10th. LCC Head Baseball Coach Scott Crampton announced that pitchers **Brandon Ward-Hersee**, **Shane Zaruba**, and **Arturo Maltos-Garcia** all signed national letters to play for the University of New Mexico Lobos.

Brandon Ward-Hersee, a dominating right-handed closer from St. Pius High School, Albuquerque, NM, signed after finishing his freshman year 3-2, 2.09 ERA, and 25 saves. His 25 saves set a NJCAA record as well as earned Ward-Hersee Honorable Mention All-American honors.

Shane Zaruba, a starting right-handed pitcher from Skyline High School, Longmont, CO, signed after finishing 8-0, 2.70 ERA and 77 strikeouts in 73 innings during the 2010 season.

Arturo Maltos-Garcia, a starting right-handed pitcher from Brush High School, Brush, CO, signed after finishing 7-2, 2.91 ERA and 63 strikeouts in 55 innings in 2010.

Ward-Hersee, Zaruba, and Maltos-Garcia were pivotal to the Runnin' Lopes success in 2010, a season in which the team was 48-12; they are expected to make major contributions to the 2011 season. All three pitchers were heavily recruited by several top Division I programs in the country including USC, University of Arizona, Utah, Hawaii, and others. "For all three young men to sign at the same program is pretty amazing. These three will be potential draft picks as well as three of the top arms in JUCO baseball this spring," stated Scott Crampton.

The University of New Mexico was recently recognized by Rival.com as one of the nation's rising baseball programs. The 2010 Lobos finished 37-22, 14-8 in the Mountain West Conference and ended a 48 year drought by drawing an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships. "The University of New Mexico has jumped into the top 10-15% of the programs in the country and Rival has recognized that," Head Coach Ray Birmingham commented. "The great thing is we that we've only just begun."

With Empire Conference and Region IX championships, the LCC baseball program finished its 2010 season ranked 14th in the country. They have won their eight conference and six regional titles in the past ten years.

Since the 1994, 133 of Crampton's players have signed to play baseball at the four-year level. Last season, all ten sophomores were placed in four-year colleges or universities.

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