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ATHLETIC/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES SET BASE FOR SUCCESS

(Lamar, Colorado; February 11, 2010) The Lamar Community College Runnin' Lopes Baseball teams have had numerous successes on the diamond in recent years, but players have obtained success off the field as well. 2003 LCC graduates David Kiefer and Andy Scholl have taken different paths to attend law school. Both Kiefer and Scholl graduated from Eldorado High School in Albuquerque, NM and were members of the LCC 2002 World Series team that finished third in the country with a 59-6 record.

When David Kiefer graduated from high school his first choice was Kansas University (KU) in the fall of 2001. Still wanting to try his hand at being a college baseball player, Kiefer transferred to LCC in the spring of 2002. "I felt LCC offered me an academically challenging learning environment that prepared me for the next level and allowed me to pursue baseball at the same time," stated Kiefer. After graduating from LCC as a Distinguished Academic All-American with a 4.0 G.P.A., he transferred to Centenary College in Shreveport, LA to continue his baseball playing career and complete a Bachelor's in Communications. From 2005-2007, Kiefer worked as an Assistant Sports Information Director and completed his Masters of Speech Communication degree at Miami of Ohio University in Oxford, Ohio. Part of his graduate work was to teach public speaking. Dave decided to begin his law degree at Indiana University in the fall of 2008. During this first year he applied to the prestigious Harvard Law School and was accepted in the fall of 2009. Dave is currently in his second semester at Harvard Law School with an expected Juris Doctorate in 2011. This summer he will be employed at a law firm in Philadelphia, PA. "I hadn't considered law school until I was in my second year of graduate school. I worked with a professor who was also a litigation consultant, and after talking with him about the legal profession, it became clear

that going to law school and joining the legal profession was a solid career choice. I really enjoy writing, researching, and problem solving, and that is what lawyers spend the majority of their time doing. So far I've been pleased with my choice to attend law school and am looking forward to graduating in 2011," explained Kiefer.

Upon graduating from LCC with Distinguished Academic All-American honors and a 3.9 G.P.A., Andy Scholl attended Kansas University to play baseball and continue his academic career. "I had some of my best academic memories in Judy Arnold's history class at LCC. She is the reason I chose to be a history major," commented Andy. While at LCC, Andy was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 2002 professional draft, but decided to continue his education. While completing his degree in 2006, Andy had the opportunity to study art history in Florence, Italy, and Paris as part of an internship with KU. After his playing days, Andy continued his baseball career, playing two summers in Sweden for the European Professional Baseball League. In November of 2006, Andy began to work for Major League Baseball as part of their "envoy" program. This program was designed to introduce baseball in countries that have little or no prior experience with the sport; knowledgeable coaches and players teach young people the basics of baseball. During this time Andy traveled to South Africa, China, and Germany as an MLB ambassador. Andy stated, "I feel very fortunate to have traveled so many places through baseball. "Being able to connect with different people and gain the insights into various cultures that I would not been able to as just a tourist makes it extra special." To compound his world travels, Andy spent six weeks in the spring of 2008 in Peru to study Spanish. In the fall of 2008, Andy started his law degree at the University of New Mexico Law School. Scholl explained, "Although I don't know where my career path will turn next, I chose to study law because the law touches everything. I know that whether I practice law or get into another industry, a legal background will always be beneficial. I enjoy reading and writing, and law school offers plenty of both. It's a great way to analyze issues and come to thoughtful conclusions about complex problems, which has been a challenging but enjoyable experience."

Lamar Community College is proud of its role of equipping our students with the academic and technical skills needed to succeed. This commitment is augmented by continued

success in its athletic teams - both in winning seasons and in student athletes graduated. For more information about LCC's academic, career & technical education, and athletic programs, contact Student Services at 719.336.1590.

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