

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES' RYAN HOWARD TO RECEIVE 2007 WANAMAKER AWARD

Work To Ride To Receive Community Service Award & Philadelphia University's Herb Magee To Be Honored With Lifetime Achievement Award

PHILADELPHIA...June 7, 2007... Philadelphia Phillies' first baseman Ryan Howard has been named the 2007 winner of the John Wanamaker Athletic Award for his phenomenal 2006 season, which culminated in being awarded the National League's Most Valuable Player Award. Since 1961, the Wanamaker Award has been presented to the "athlete, team or organization that has done the most to reflect credit upon Philadelphia and to the team or sport in which they excel." The Philadelphia Sports Congress (PSC), a division of the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, presents the award each year in conjunction with IPC/Amerimar Management Company.

In addition, Work to Ride, an equestrian program geared towards disadvantaged youth, will receive the Philadelphia Sports Congress Community Service Award, presented to the "individual, business or organization that has done the most to contribute to the quality of life in Philadelphia through sports." There will also be a special Lifetime Achievement Award presentation to Philadelphia University Head Men's Basketball Coach Herb Magee, who became the winningest coach in NCAA Division II basketball history during 2007.

The recipients will be honored at an awards ceremony and luncheon on Wednesday, June 27 at the Wanamaker Building's Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia, hosted by the Sports Congress.

John Wanamaker Athletic Award_Ryan Howard had one of the greatest offensive seasons in Major League history during 2006, posting 58 home runs, 149 RBIs and a .313 batting average in his first full season in the Major Leagues. Howard became only the second player in history to win Rookie of the Year and MVP honors in back-to-back seasons. Howard is the fifth Phillie to receive the Wanamaker, including Steve Carlton (twice), Mike Schmidt, Curt Schilling and manager Gene Mauch. The entire team received the award in 1980 and 1993.

"Howard caught the attention, and admiration, of fans and media around the country last season," said PSC Chairman Robert P. Levy. "His enthusiasm for the game of baseball has been contagious. We couldn't ask for a better ambassador for Philadelphia."

"It is an honor to be included among the amazing list of former Wanamaker winners," said Howard. "Last year was a lot of fun, but I'm focused now on the 2007 season and winning games."

Sports Congress Community Service Award_Created in 1994 by Lezlie Hiner, Work to Ride is a non-profit, community-based prevention program that aids disadvantaged

urban youth through constructive activities centered on horsemanship, equine sports, and education. Located at the Chamounix Equestrian Center in Fairmount Park, the setting provides a unique opportunity to bring 7-to 19-year-old youth in contact with animals and nature.

While most participants are trained in several sports, polo has proven to be the perennial favorite of Work to Ride youth. In 1999, the Work to Ride polo team became the first African American polo team in the nation, and in 2005 the team won the Eastern Regional Interscholastic Polo tournament. The program has been featured in Sports Illustrated, and was twice highlighted on HBO's "Real Sport".

Sports Congress Lifetime Achievement Award During his 40th season at Philadelphia University this year, the 65-year-old Magee became the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division II basketball history when he notched his 829th coaching victory on February 1. He finished the season with 833 wins, ranking him fifth all-time among all divisions, behind only Bob Knight, Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp and Don Meyer.

"Herb Magee has been an extraordinary coach and mentor to all his players over the years and he has inspired us with his dedication, commitment and, ultimately, great success during his 40 years of coaching," said Philadelphia University President James P. Gallagher, Ph.D. "It is a legacy that anyone would be proud of, and we couldn't be more thrilled that he is being honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. It is well earned."

The John Wanamaker Award Ceremony The Philadelphia Sports Congress, IPC/Amerimar Management Company, CBS-3 and the Philadelphia Daily News present the Wanamaker Award ceremony and luncheon on June 27th at Noon. The public participated in the Wanamaker Award nomination process via ballots in the Philadelphia Daily News and online. The Wanamaker Selection Committee made the final decision. CBS-3's Beasley Reece will emcee the event. Previous recipients of the Wanamaker Award and Philadelphia Sports Congress Community Service Award are listed at www.PhiladelphiaSportsCongress.com.

The Philadelphia Sports Congress (PSC), a division of the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, www.philadelphiasportscongress.com, seeks to attract major sporting events and conventions to the Philadelphia area. The Sports Congress, working in conjunction with the City of Philadelphia, the city's professional teams and universities, has attracted many events to the city and is currently working on bids for future sporting events.