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Local Cranston High School Student-Athlete Wins College Scholarship

Cranston, RI (May 28, 2009) – A Cranston West High School student was recently awarded a \$500 college scholarship sponsored by Cranston-based Zorian Bat Company. Shane O’Connell, a senior, was chosen among 100 applicants in a state-wide search.

“We are happy to award this scholarship to Shane for both his academic and athletic achievements,” said Robert Zorian, president of Zorian Bat Company. “His success on the baseball diamond as a catcher for Cranston West High School is only matched by his academic abilities in the classroom.”;

O’Connell, an honor roll student, plays catcher for Cranston West High School. With a .371 batting average, O’Connell made this year’s First Team All-Division for the second straight year, boasting a .468 slugging percentage and a .976 fielding percentage. O’Connell plans to attend the University of New Haven in the fall.

“Shane is an outgoing, humble, and hardworking athlete. The Zorian Bat Company motto of ‘Live, Love, Play’ is how he approaches baseball,” said Rob Malo, O’Connell’s coach of four years.

O’Connell was presented the scholarship and an official Zorian bat at an event held in his honor at McFadden’s in Providence. The event, hosted by Zorian Bat Company and Universal Wealth Management, marked the second annual event by the bat company.

“We plan to continue this tradition and hope to grow the scholarship amount in years to come,” says Zorian.

About Zorian Bat Company

The Zorian Bat Company engages in the manufacturing, distribution, and marketing of professional wood bats, batting gloves, and accessories. The company sells directly to professional baseball players, agents, specialty sporting good dealers, and online retailers. The company also owns and operates Zorian Bat Company “Live, Love, Play” baseball tournaments, showcases, and camps. Zorian Bat Company was founded in 2003 by Robert Zorian, and is headquartered in Cranston, Rhode Island. For more information, log on to <http://www.zorianbats.com>.

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