

## **Palm Beach State College's Ben Carhart named baseball first team NJCAA All-American**

(Lake Worth, Fla. – June 9, 2010) Ben Carhart, third baseman for the Palm Beach State Panthers, is a first team All-America selection of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Carhart was recently named the Florida Community College Activities Association (FCCAA) 2010 Player of the Year and a first-team selection to the FCCAA Southern Conference all-star team.

Carhart had a career year for the Panthers with 82 hits and 11 home runs while leading all NJCCA Region VIII batters with a .473 percentage and finished third in RBIs with 67. The third baseman helped the team win their first outright Southern Conference Championship since 1984. The Panthers ended the regular season ranked ninth in the country and second in the state of Florida, with a third place finish in the state tournament and a final record of 38-15.

The Los Angeles Dodgers selected Carhart in the 19<sup>th</sup> round of the Major League Baseball draft June 8. Carhart graduated from Palm Beach Gardens High School.



*Serving more than 50,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor's degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.*

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