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### ADAM JONES TOPS STARS OF THE MONTH

Local professional, amateur and high school athletes honored by the San Diego Hall of Champions

**SAN DIEGO—(April 3, 2017)**—With one spectacular catch and some timely heavy-hitting at the plate, former Morse High standout Adam Jones led the United States to its first-ever World Baseball Classic title.

Jones was one of 15 professional, amateur and high school athletes who were honored as Stars of the Month for March by the San Diego Hall of Champions.

With the USA clinging to a 4-2 lead in the seventh inning of a must-win game against the Dominican Republic, Jones went three rows deep into the stands to rob Manny Machado of a home run. The U.S. would eventually win the game, 6-3, en route to its first WBC title. He also had a game-winning RBI and two home runs in the series.

Joining him as professional Stars of the Month were the San Diego Gulls' Corey Tropp and Erick Tovar of the San Diego Sockers. Tropp scored 12 points for 8-3-1 Gulls while Tovar helped the Sockers to the Pacific Division title.

On the amateur front, former Foothills Christian standout T.J. Leaf led UCLA deep into the NCAA playoffs before announcing that he will make himself available for the NBA draft.

Joining him were UCSD swimmer Gabriel Hernandez and fencer Taly Yukelson, SDSU water polo standout Caroline Israels, USD baseball player Roman Garcia and CSUSM golfer Braeden Koran.

El Cajon Valley soccer player Matios Murad topped the high school honorees in leading the Braves to the SoCal championship. He was joined by Helix basketball player Jaylen Arnold, Mission Hills hurdler-jumper Asia Smith, Rancho Bernardo pitcher Jamison Hill, Torrey Pines softball standout Xstaviana Augur and Poway lacrosse record-setter Nick Beeson.

For additional information and pictures of the honorees please check the San Diego Hall of Champions website at [www.sdhdc.com](http://www.sdhdc.com).

### ABOUT THE HALL OF CHAMPIONS

The "Hall" is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating outstanding local athletic achievement and providing sports programming to the community. The Hall was launched by the Breitbard Athletic Foundation, which was founded in 1946 by the legendary Bob Breitbard to recognize significant athletic achievement in San Diego. Through its awards and recognition programs and vigilant focus on the community of San Diego and its betterment, the Hall is devoted to motivating and inspiring youth of all ages to reach their full potential. For more information, please visit [www.sdhdc.com](http://www.sdhdc.com)